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MORE HANKOW UNEASINESS

TROOPS GATHERING NEAR THE CITY.

LI CHAI-SUM TO LEAD ATTACK ON CANTON.

DISCORD IN THE NORTH.

More uneasiness is reported from Hankow, where Generals Chen Chien and Li Chung-yen have been unable to compose their differences. The former is now bringing all his troops within easy call of the city, and so great is the alarm felt that prominent Chinese have begun to move into the ex-British Concession.

In Shanghai, only skeleton tramway service is being maintained, but, despite assassination threats, the hopes of a settlement are now brighter than they have been for days past.

The split in the Kuomintang Party is considered extremely serious, and opinion is divided as to the possible outcome. It is noteworthy that the Nanking Government has issued an edict ordering General Li Chai-sum to take command of the punitive expedition against Canton.

There are conflicting reports regarding the military operations in the North, but it is now known that serious discord exists in the ranks of General Chang Tsung-chang's army, the troops not having been paid for several months.

QUESTION OF TREATY REVISION.

Hankow, Dec. 7. Inspectors, who despite the fact that one of their number was shot and several injured by agitators this morning are loyally carrying on.—*Reuter*.

Settlement Hopes.

Shanghai, Dec. 7. Gunmen operating on behalf of intimidators, shot at and seriously wounded a Tramway inspector, a Korean, today, the incident occurring after he had ignored threats of assassination.

The tramway strike continues, but hopes for settlement appear much brighter to-day, overtures for the opening of negotiations having received a favourable response.—*Naval Wireless*.

AGAINST CANTON.

Orders to Li Chai-sum.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. The Nanking Nationalist Government yesterday issued an edict appointing General Li Chai-sum to take full command of the Canton punitive expedition. General Chan Ming-sha, in Southern Fukien, is ordered to take instructions directly from General Li Chai-sum.

Chen's Army is to quickly march towards Eastern Kwangtung to join in the campaign against the "Ironclads," leaving one Division to guard Southern Fukien.—*Naval Wireless*.

CHANG TSUNG-CHANG'S ARMY.

Troops Receive No Pay.

Shanghai, Dec. 7. The serious reverse inflicted on Marchal Chang Tsung-chang's Army a few days ago, is followed by more serious news from the front which offers explanation of the critical position on the Shantung front.

Chang Tsung-chang's troops are becoming very restive and dissensions are common as the result of the failure of the Shantung Commander to pay his troops. It is stated that they have not been paid for several months.

Recently attempts have been made to recruit "White" Russians into his Army, but with this state of affairs existing it is not surprising that the recruiting campaign has proved unproductive.—*Naval Wireless*.

U.S. NAVAL PATROL.

Change in the Command.

Shanghai, Dec. 7. The split in the ranks of the Kuomintang Party has taken a very definite line, ten of the Nanjing delegates refusing to attend yesterday's sitting of the Conference, following heated argument the previous day regarding the abolition of the Central Executive Committee, and the question of future military action against General Chang Fat-kwai and other military leaders at Canton.

Opinion is divided as to the outcome, but the deadlock is regarded as serious.—*Naval Wireless*.

SHANGHAI TRAM STRIKE.

Loyalty of Inspectors.

Shanghai, Dec. 7. Owing to intimidation of the motormen and conductors by striking drivers there is still only a skeleton tram service. The trams are mostly being driven by

CHINA PIRACIES.

PROPOSAL FOR MORE GUNBOATS.

THE NAVY AND BIAS BAY.

London, Dec. 7.

In the House of Commons, Mr. H. W. Looker, formerly of Hongkong, in view of increasing piracy, requested the Government to provide additional gunboats for the China Station, in the next naval estimates.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman pointed out that a new gunboat had already been commissioned, and another will be commissioned in the present month. Two more are expected to be put into service early in the New Year. These vessels could not be employed on the high seas, where piracy had recently increased.

He added that some vessels which were due for replacement were being retained as long as possible, and the Admiralty was considering the question of further replacement.

Bias Bay Control.

Responding to another suggestion to station a ship in Bias Bay to check piracy, Mr. Bridgeman said that this course had been taken on occasions, but the permanent establishment of British control in Bias Bay was not feasible.

The matter had been carefully considered by the chief command on the spot.

The Government were taking what they thought was the best method of dealing with the trouble.—*Reuter*.

BRITISH PLAN FOR DISARMAMENT.

DELEGATE TO USE HIS DISCRETION.

London, Dec. 7.

In the House of Commons, Comdr. Kenworthy asked whether the Admiralty had prepared a scheme for the reduction of naval armaments for submission to the Geneva disarmament conference.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson stated that the British delegate to the conference had discretion to bring forward "our proposals whenever the occasion was propitious."—*Reuter*.

Not the Time Yet.

London, Dec. 7.

In the House of Commons, answering Comdr. Kenworthy, Mr. G. Locker Lampson said the Government would lose no opportunity of furthering progress in the limitation of naval armaments. The British representative on the preparatory commission at Geneva had discretion to bring forward the British proposals whenever he thought the occasion propitious.

Comdr. Kenworthy asked whether any scheme was in existence to be put forward at the appropriate time. Mr. Locker Lampson replied that the next meeting would take place early in February, and it would then be time for our representatives to bring forward proposals.—*British Wireless*.

U.S. NAVAL PATROL.

Poland's Dispute Considered.

Places Blame on Lithuania.

Geneva, Dec. 7.

The Council hall was packed on the opening of the consideration of the Polish-Lithuanian dispute.

M. Valdemarss outlined the case against Poland; and M. Zalecki, for Poland, followed, and declared that the root of the civil war was the existence in Lithuania of a so-called state of war against Poland.

He invoked Article 8 of the Convention, and appealed to the Council to remove the present state of affairs.—*Reuter*.

Dutch Rapporteur.

Geneva, Dec. 7.

The Dutch delegate to the Council of the League of Nations has been appointed rapporteur in the Polish-Lithuanian dispute.—*Reuter*.

THE PROSPERITY OF AMERICA.

YEAR OF UNPRECEDENTED CIRCUMSTANCES.

COUNTRY'S GOLD STOCKS.

Washington, Dec. 7.

In his annual report on finances, Mr. Mellon lays stress on "the unusual combination of circumstances," namely the large volume of business done, simultaneously with declining commodity prices, high wages, and lower costs, resulting in sustained purchasing power.

The bank increased their loans and investments by about two milliards of dollars, and simultaneously reduced their dependence on the Federal reserve system.

Revised estimates show that the war cost the United States thirty-five milliards of dollars.

The country's gold stock on October 31 this year was \$4,548,000,000, compared with \$4,554,000,000 at the same date in 1924, mainly owing to the policy aimed

SHOOTING AFFAIR.

WOUNDED SERGEANT RALLYING.

FUNERAL OF DEAD HERO.

Following on the sensational shooting affray of yesterday morning, between a police picket and armed robbers, the personnel of the Criminal Investigation Department have been almost exclusively devoting their attention to enquiries which are necessary before the various aspects of the case can be considered as complete.

Not the least important of these considerations is the remarkable fact that certain articles used in the armed robbery at the coffee-shop are identical with those used in one or two previous robberies,

as for instance, the tape and wires used to secure gasps and to bind up the victims. An interesting field of investigation is thus opened up, and is one which will throw much light, in the opinion of the police, on the recent series of armed crimes.

Police officials are still optimistic of being able to effect the early arrest of the only member of the gang still unaccounted for.

SHANGHAI EXCITEMENT.

Big Explosion Near Arsenal.

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

There was much excitement caused here to-day, owing to a violent explosion in the vicinity of Lung-hwa arsenal.

Up to the present, however, nothing has transpired as to the cause of the explosion, or the possible damage done.

Our Own Correspondent.

At two o'clock this afternoon it was learned, on enquiry at the Government Civil Hospital, that Sergeant McMahon was still in a very critical condition.

Victim's Funeral.

Great interest is centred on the funeral of the Chinese constable Wan Wong-chi, which is taking place this afternoon. The unfortunate officer, who was wounded in the abdomen by a shot which perforated his intestines, has recovered consciousness after the operation, and an improvement in his condition is hoped for.

The condition of the Chinese detective, Lui Tung, and the Chinese constable, Chan Sing, both of whom were also shot in the abdomen, is unchanged.

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Industrial Harmony.

The maintenance of high wages and good conditions, the control of immigration, and the modification of the anti-trust laws, are the main planks of the United States labour policy laid down by Secretary Davis in his annual report.

Declaring that never in its history

has the country witnessed such a degree of general harmony between workers and employers.

The attitude of goodwill in

partnership is growing; nevertheless further co-operation in the field of industry would benefit the general public, notably in coal mining, in which a series of

combinations with combined selling agencies would aid in solving the problems.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Official Tribute.

Fitting tribute will be paid to this constable, who died while in the discharge of a public duty.

The funeral will be of an official nature, as on past occasions when an officer of the Force has lost his life in similar circumstances.

The procession, which will be formed with all available men

from the Chinese contingent of

the Hongkong Police Force, and

with representative detachments

from other sections, will pass

through Centre Street, Queen's

Road West and Des Voeux Road

West, on its way to the Chinese

cemetery at Pokfulum, where the

remains will be interred. Super-

intendents of the Force will head

the procession on the route.

The deceased officer was a native

of Kwangtung, being born in the

village of Tow Kow, in the Tung-

koon district. He joined the

Police Force on June 15, 1921, at

the age of 23, and had a good

record of service. He leaves a

widow and two small children, a

boy and a girl, to whom much sym-

pathy will be extended.

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VOTE OF CENSURE IN COMMONS.

Premier's "SILENCE" CAUSES OFFENCE.

LABOUR MOTION REJECTED.

London, Dec. 7.

In the House of Commons an accusation that the Premier by his silence had insulted the Opposition on November 16, during the coal debate, was made by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in moving the censure motion promised last month.

Mr. Baldwin followed, and said he resented the suggestion made that he had disregarded the demands of Parliamentary life. He pointed out the demands on the Premier's time, owing to the increase in the volume of Parliamentary work.

Better Coal Position.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, acknowledging the difficulties of the coal industry, deprecated aggravated measures of them, and showed by means of statistics that there had been an increase in the export trade, although prices were unsatisfactory, while unemployment in the mines had decreased by 14,000 in the past two years. The eight-hour Bill had reduced the working costs by an average of 32 pence a ton.

The House rejected Mr. MacDonald's motion, by 347 to 142.—*Reuter*.

(On November 16, the debate on the coal industry had twice been



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NEW TERRITORIES SHOW.

GREAT SUCCESS OF THE INITIAL EFFORT.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Despite the inclement weather, the first Agricultural Show to be held in the New Territories, which opened at Lady Ho Tung's experimental farm yesterday, was a marked success. The event was admirably organised, thanks to the unremitting energy of the officials, whilst the produce on show was of a high quality, giving much promise for future development. In this connexion, H. E. the Governor, in the course of a speech, expressed the hope that producers would aim at making the Colony self-supporting.

There were close on 8,000 exhibits, whilst the attendance yesterday was over 2,000. An even larger number of people is expected to visit the Show to-day.

His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Lady Clementi, arrived at Lady Ho Tung's farm shortly after 2.30, being met by members of the Show committee. The party then proceeded to the Show buildings where a raised dais had been erected for the opening ceremony.

Among those present at the opening were Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Capt. Whyte, A.D.C., the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Sir Houston Chow, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fraser, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. G. P. de Martin, the Hon. Dr. Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. Ho Koon Tong, Mr. R. C. Tredwell, Mr. A. Cameron, Mr. W. Gerrard (A.S.P.), Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. Kwok Shiu-lau, members of the Show committee, village elders and many others.

The Rev. H. R. Wells spoke first in English and then in Chinese.

He said:

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen, we are here to-day for the purpose of opening this show which is, I believe, the first one held in the New Territories.

The subject was broached some years ago, but circumstances were against its being carried out earlier, and last year when it was again mentioned, I was asked if I would be willing to assist in the arrangements.

Needless to say, this is not a one man's work—it necessitated the united efforts of a number of people, and we have to report that many willing helpers were forthcoming.

I cannot refrain from mentioning the names of a few of these, and first of all I must thank Lady Ho Tung and, through her, Sir Robert for the extremely happy way in which hospitality has been extended to us with all liberality.

Unstinted Efforts.

The next person who should be mentioned is Mr. J. P. Braga, our Secretary and Treasurer, who has given unstinted effort to make the show a success. He has supplied us with many kinds of stationery, and much printed matter, and has provided clerical work and postage, without charging one cent to the funds of the show. This probably makes him our largest contributor on the financial side.

Messrs. Gibbs and Dowbiggin and others have helped us with plans, suggestions and advice in all the affairs of the show.

Our Chinese friends, all of whom have worked well, I should mention Messrs. Fung Kai Cheuk, Tsoi Po Tin, Ng Sing Chi, the secretary, and Tang Wai Tong. The assistance given by the first and second mentioned gentlemen has been of the greatest value as they are resident in Hongkong, and Mr. Fung not only assisted in every possible detail of the work but gave away seeds of many kinds and himself distributed printed papers of instructions for planting and care of the articles. Without the aid of these gentlemen it would have been almost impossible to attain our present success.

Mr. Fraser has very great assistance, and given valued advice and help in many ways.

only apparently been the largest contributor in money but has also brought a fund of ideas to the Show. Then I must mention especially and honourably Lady Ho Tung. She has not only been of very great assistance in organising this exhibition but has given her grounds in which this Show might be held. For many years she has greatly interested herself in sericulture and especially in sericulture in the New Territories.

I have no hesitation in saying that but for the help of Lady Ho Tung this exhibition could not have been held.

When the idea of the Show was first suggested I insisted that it must be unofficial, that is to say that the organisation must be unofficial and not official, and therefore, although the Show had my full co-operation, I held that the committee should be mainly unofficial.

Nevertheless I requested Mr. Fraser, when you invited him to be your vice-patron, that he should serve, as I felt that he might be of assistance to you with his advice. I well know the paternal interest Mr. Fraser takes in this Territory.

Officials Thanked.

We must also thank the officials of the Show and I wish to thank Mr. Green, superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, because that much of the success of the Show is due to him.

In one word I wish to thank the whole committee, both European and Chinese for the strenuous work they have done.

As is usual on these occasions the opener has to speak under a disadvantage, not having seen the Show. I have often thought that would be far better if those whose duty it is to open exhibitions were first taken round. They could then make some intelligent remarks concerning it. Unfortunately I am reduced to making a few general remarks on this occasion because I cannot speak of any individual exhibits.

Vegetable Culture.

There are two matters which I have always felt were of great importance to these Territories and which I should like to dwell on. Firstly, I think greater efforts should be made in the New Territories to grow vegetables, and I hope this show will give a great impetus to this. At present your staple product is rice—but you cannot produce enough rice for requirements of Hongkong which is obliged to import the greater part of its rice from Saigon and Bangkok.

There is no reason why the New Territories should not produce within themselves practically all the vegetables needed for Hongkong. They do not do so at present and we still have to import vegetables. It is not even as if the present proprietors in the New Territories ate their own rice. As you know you grow rice which is so good that you prefer to sell it at a high price and import a cheaper kind for yourselves.

I put it to you that it would be beneficial for the Colony if you would grow vegetables and for which you would get an even greater benefit.

This is a matter in which the Botanical and Forestry department and the Government will give you every help.

Forestry Development.

Another matter I wish to speak about is forestry, a question on which I have spoken to you before when I was assistant Land Officer and since I became Governor. It is most unfortunate that so large an area of land in this Colony lies waste and is not used for profit. I have just come back from a journey which has taken me to Japan and Korea. It is very striking to see how forestry has developed in Japan. Practically all the hills are covered with trees and the timber industry is becoming a very important industry in Japan.

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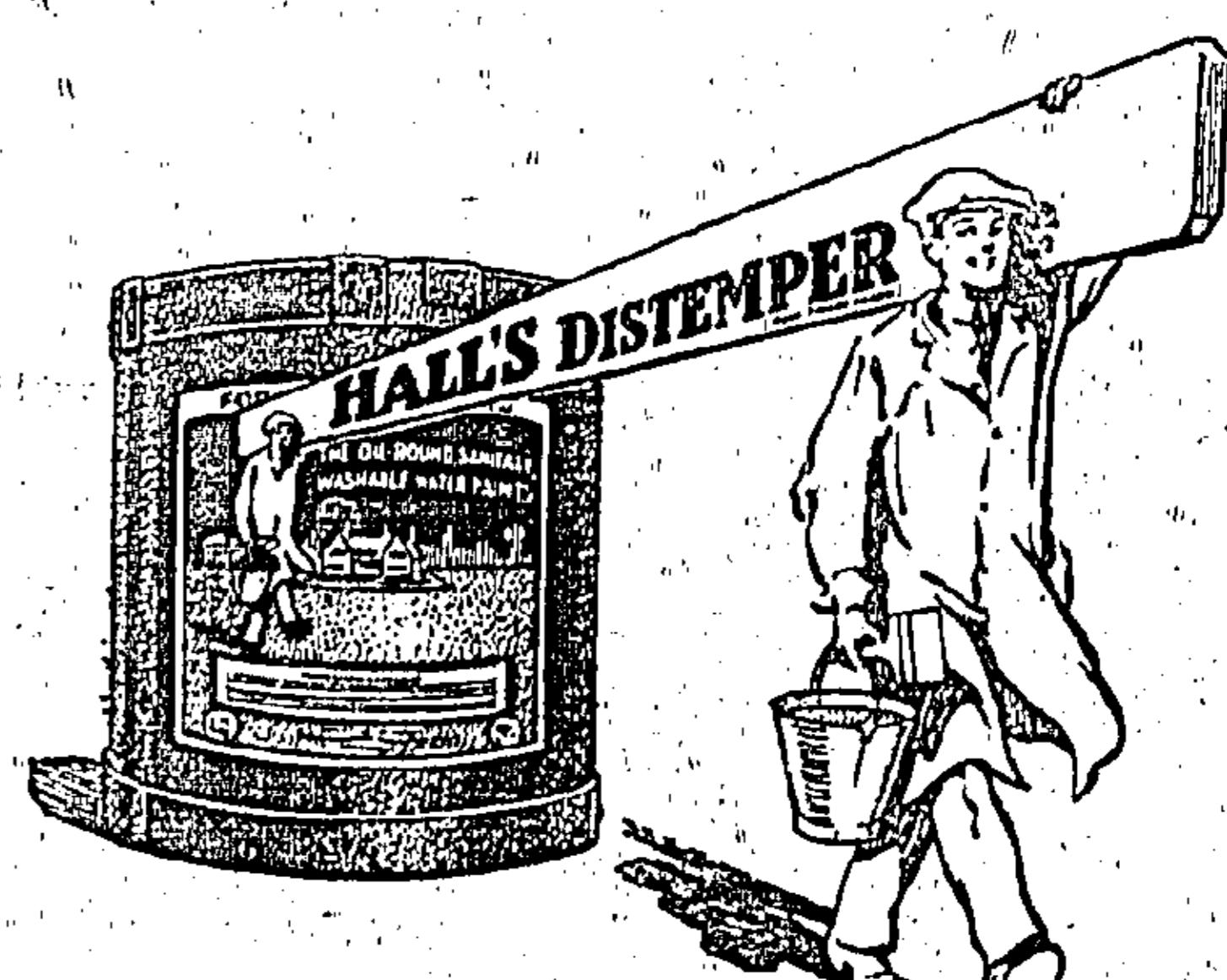
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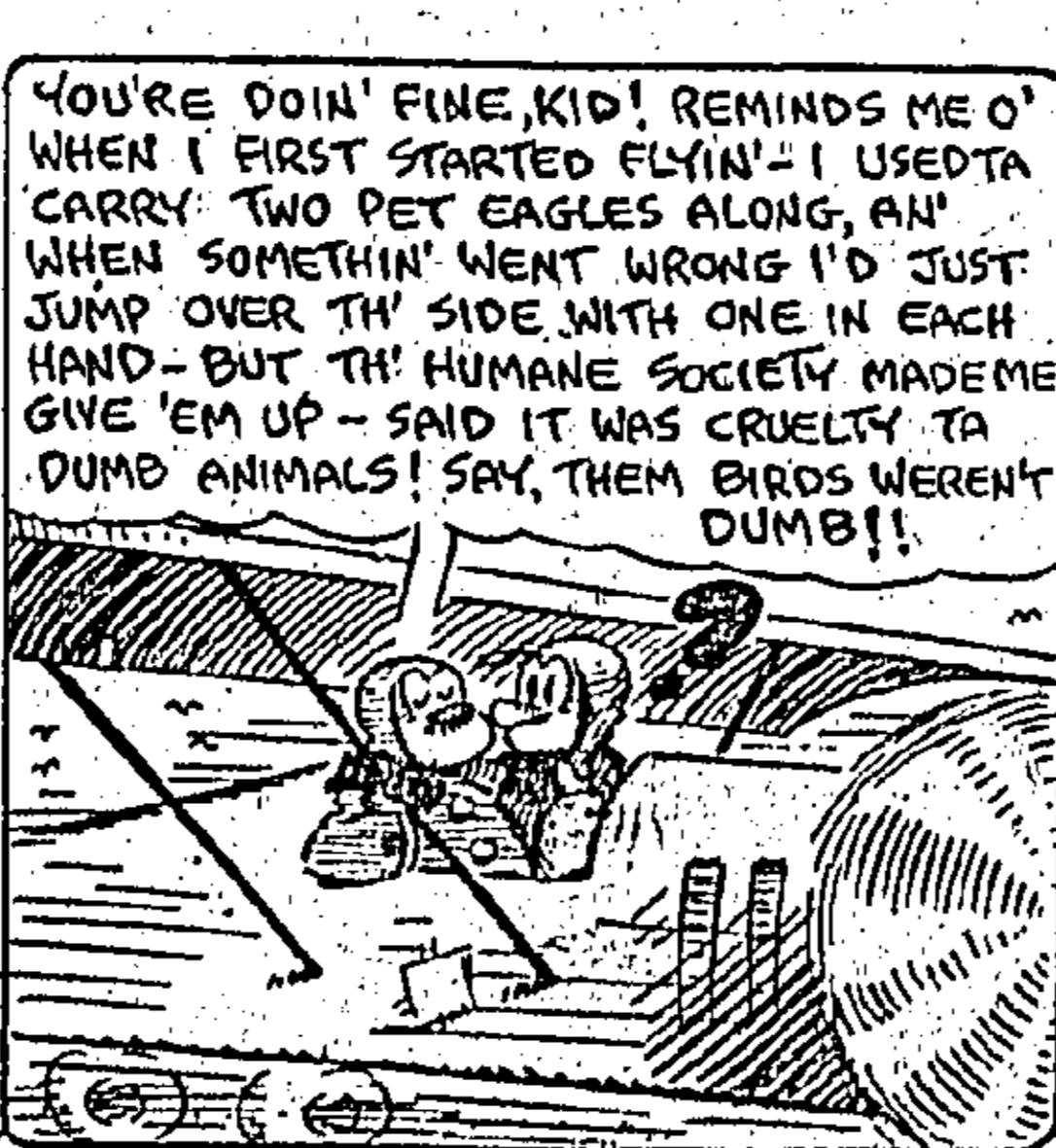
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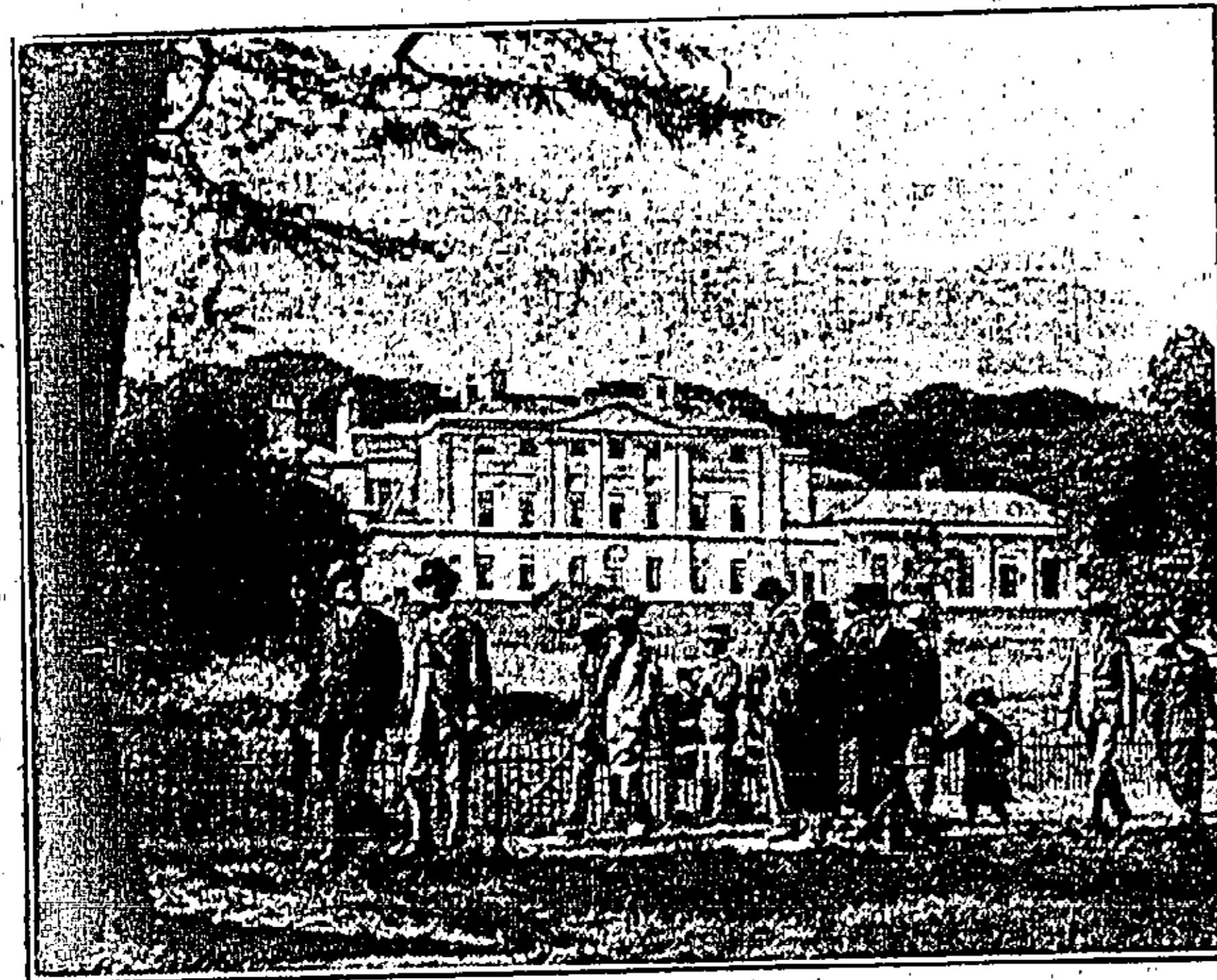
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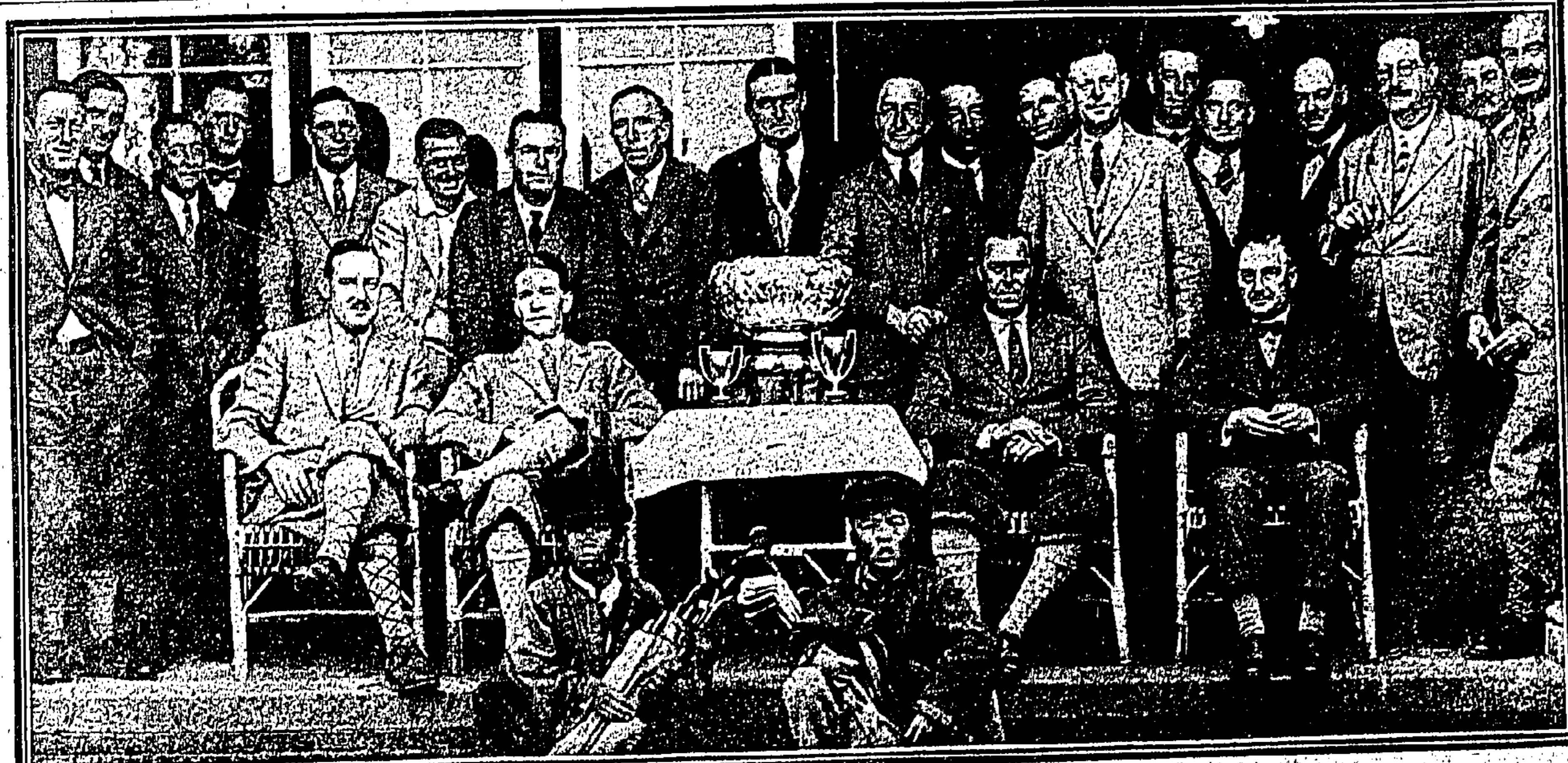
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LORD IVEAGH'S GIFT TO THE NATION.—An exterior view of Kenwood House, which was bought by Lord Iveagh some time ago and has been left by him to the Nation. (Times copyright).



CALIFORNIA IN SHANGHAI.—The University of California Club held its annual dinner at the Union Club, Shanghai, recently, when the above photograph was taken. There was a large attendance of both Chinese and American graduates.



SHANGHAI CHAMPIONSHIP GOLFERS.—This group was taken at the Shanghai Golf Club, Kiangwan, on the occasion of the final of the only championship which was won by Mr. A. R. Blinko from Mr. H. R. Malcolm by six up and four to play. Conditions on the day were not conducive to good golf. From left to right those seated are: Mr. M. W. Budd, amateur champion of the Far East who acted as umpire, Mr. H. R. Malcolm, the runner-up, Mr. A. R. Blinko, the winner, and Mr. R. Bailey, vice-president of the Shanghai Golf Club.

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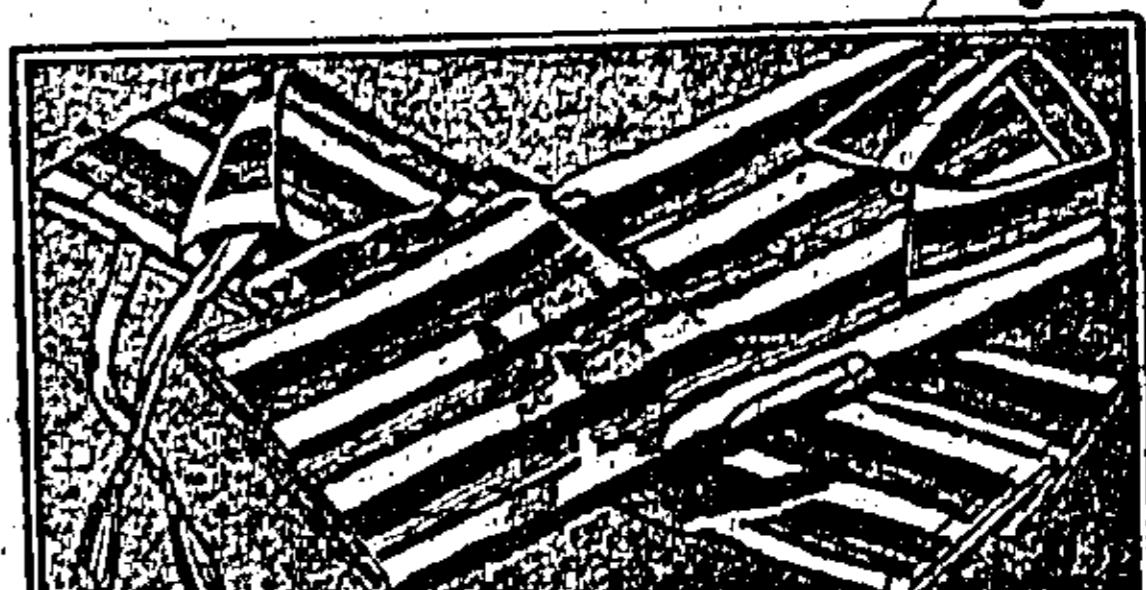
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Capt. Supt. of Police,
Hongkong, 7th December, 1927.

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E. B. FINNINGAN,
Registrar,
Hongkong, 7th December, 1927.

NOTICE.

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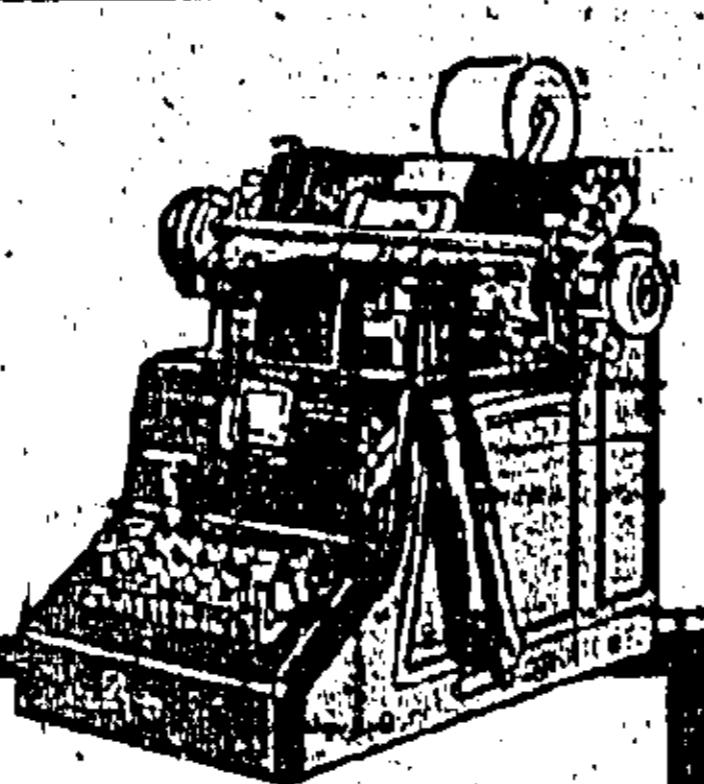
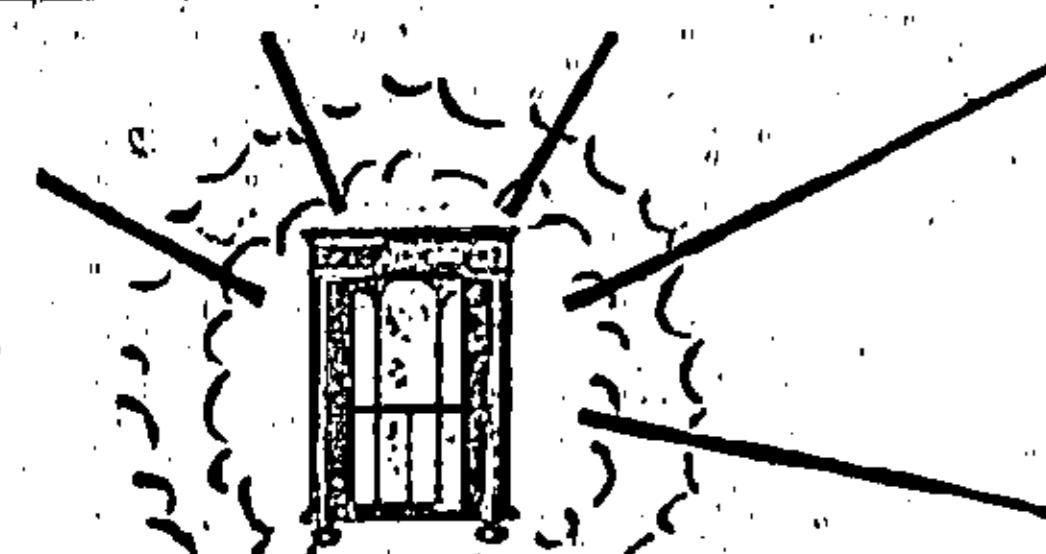
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police, cared not how much shooting they did afterwards. This specially applies to the man who is reported to have necessitated the longest pursuit on the part of the police.

If one looks back just within the past decade, there are several instances of similarly grave happenings in the annals of police encounters with armed criminals, whether on the island or the mainland, also with European officers involved. To take one affair still familiar to most residents of some years standing, there was the sensational shooting incident in Grosvenor Street, when the police were faced with an exhibition of extreme desperation on the part of the underworld of crime. It so happens that yesterday's incident occurred soon after particular attention had been drawn to the increasing crime wave in Shanghai, and local residents might assume that they are observing a reflection of such conditions here. But just as the Sydney Street affair did not make London any the less well-conducted in comparison with other great cities of the world, so Hongkong cannot be termed the more crime-ridden by reason of an occasional outbreak of the nature under consideration, however, regrettable from all points of view. If anything, it has again emphasised that in our police force we have a body of men ready to do their duty in the face of the greatest danger. The record is one of bravery on the part of all concerned—there was, for instance, the outstanding case of the unarmed Chinese police searcher who tackled his man in the course of the hue and cry, and was instantly shot through the heart. In the final result one of the robbers was killed and two were taken into custody, one seriously wounded. The apprehension of the fourth man is only a matter of time, and the courts of justice will see that, if guilt be proved, the fullest reparation will be made. The hold-up of a small restaurant, with its miserable haul, has had a result which the robbers certainly never bargained for. It should, despite the very sad sequel for members of the force and their dependents, be a warning and a deterrent to the criminals in our midst, and a reassurance to the public that the defence of law and order is, as ever, in capable hands.

YESTERDAY'S SHOOTING AFFAIR.

The general public must have been startled by the details of the shooting affair in the city yesterday morning, which resulted in a regrettable series of casualties among members of the police force, who bravely tackled armed men, in the course of their duties. On first sight the tendency may be to suppose that serious crime has at last become more pronounced in the Colony, as in Shanghai and elsewhere. This way of looking at the matter would fittingly be described as alarmist, and, we think, unnecessarily so. When we come to analyse the crime position in Hongkong, it is found that there is no marked increase in the incidence of serious felonies; and that a few armed and desperate men succeeded in making a very serious resistance, is but one of those unfortunate events in the history of a big city which are almost incidental to the successful suppression of criminal activities. There are dozens of armed robberies here every year, most of them of a minor character, in which men threaten their victims with daggers or pistols. True it is that the use of firearms has come increasingly into the picture within recent years, and police precautions have had to be redoubled in consequence, yet the authorities can be said to have tackled the problem of the new type of criminal with a good deal of success, and we are very far behind the bad record of such places as Shanghai, and even, latterly, of Singapore, as regards the cases of murders and hold-ups by what have come to be known as "gunmen." Statistics of local crime available, for last year and for 1926, actually suggest that there has been a diminution in the incidence of serious felonies of all types. Yesterday's affair grew into the grave occurrence it was, owing to the police coming upon the armed robbers as they were leaving the scene of their haul. The robbery itself was similar to several others within past months, and the proceeds of the affair were small, just a couple of hundred dollars or so. Had the men got clear away, the report of the robbery would not have filled more than a few lines of the newspaper columns. It happened that they were stopped, showed fight, and possibly after realising that they had made their case far more desperate by drawing arms on the

DAY BY DAY.

EAGLES FLY ALONE; THEY ARE BUT SHEEP WHICH ALWAYS HERD, TOGETHER.—Sir Philip Sidney.

The s.s. Fook Hong undocked from Tai Kok this morning, and anchored at Sham Shui Po.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases gives two cases of diphtheria, the sufferers in both cases being Portuguese.

The Rev. E. Bastin, formerly pastor of the Wesleyan Church at Wan Chai, has been transferred to the Ceylon mission field.

The s.s. Kochow, arriving this morning, reports having been ashore at Samshui, but was refloated without damage.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. Dewstow recently celebrated their silver wedding. Mr. Dewstow is Chairman of the Wesleyan Mission, South China District.

It is understood that Captain Smith, of the s.s. Wing Hong, has applied for a Marine Court of Enquiry in respect of the recent collision between that ship and the s.s. Anjou in the West River.

Latest announcements are to the effect that the s.s. Moren—conveying the mails from London dated November 3; and a large number of returning residents will not berth until 5 p.m. to-day.

A collision occurred yesterday at Sheung Shui between motor lorry No. 2175 and a military lorry No. 1272. The collision was a slight one, and resulted in lorry No. 2175 being damaged to a very small extent.

The K.O.S.E. carried out a march through the Western District this morning, headed by the pipes and band, returning to quarters at noon. The line of march attracted many Chinese spectators, the appearance of the troops being decidedly impressive.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Empress of Russia this morning were Lady Tyrwhitt, Miss Tyrwhitt, Commander R. M. Hunt, Paymaster E. T. Green, Flight Lieut. J. A. McDonald, Miss A. Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. A. McAlpine and Mr. H. A. L. Conant.

At Lung Wa Tau yesterday, a Chinese was knocked down by a motor-cycle. The rider failed to stop after the accident, and did not notify the police. The injured man was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital for attention. The identity of the cyclist has not yet been established.

A youthful fok of a Chinese medicine shop, at No. 400 Des Voeux Road West, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital at 3 o'clock this morning, after having been injured in the head and body when a few sacks of medicine, stored in an attic, fell on him while he was asleep.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 15 arrivals and 13 departures, of which six and four respectively were British, leaving 68 vessels in harbour. British 27. Tonnage showed a reduction, but there were good British cargo registries, making the second best inward and the two best through freights.

Pleading guilty to a charge of larceny of two iron shackles and a hammer on board on the s.s. President Pierce yesterday, a Chinese was this morning sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy. Mr. A. M. Miller, of the Robert Dollar Line, prosecuted.

Of persons who unlawfully boarded the s.s. President Pierce, and sentenced to two months' imprisonment at the Marine Court yesterday, two were found to be returned banishes on their receipt at Central. They were later brought up on this charge, and were sentenced to a further four months' imprisonment.

The funeral service over the remains of the late Special Constable G. V. Ivanoff, the Russian rites having been said, took place at Lokkewu Cemetery, Shanghai, last Sunday afternoon. Large numbers of friends, former brother officers, and members of the Russian and international communities, attended. The gallant Special, it will be recalled, received shot wounds on Wednesday night which caused his death on Thursday. With Constable Ferguson he was in the vicinity of Honan Road Bridge when armed ruffians shot at Specials on duty there. Hearing the sound of shots, he intercepted a fleeing Chinese, and was shot by him.

MACAO NOTES.

SOME INTERESTING ITEMS.

The Portuguese transport "Pero de Almeida," which arrived from Portugal about a month ago and has since remained at anchor in the new port at Macao unloading stores and supplies, is proceeding to Shanghai to relieve the crew of the Portuguese cruiser "Admiral" at present stationed at Shanghai. On her return from Shanghai the transport will go into dock at Hongkong before proceeding on her return trip to Portugal.

Bishop of Macao on Tour.

His Lordship the Bishop of Macao has returned from a tour of the Chinese districts of his diocese and expresses himself well pleased with the work that is going on in the Portuguese missions among the Chinese.

Photographic Exhibition.

The Portuguese at Macao are making every effort so that the Photographic Exhibition to take place in January next will be a success. A particularly large entry is expected from Japan. From Hongkong too a good number of entries is expected, and Macao has recently been visited by numbers of photographers from Hongkong, who will naturally contribute a good number of pictures to the sections confined to Macao scenes, commercial activities at Macao, and Macao customs and local practices.

Among the pictures which have been promised for the Art Section are a number of paintings and sketches by Chinmey, Baptista, Capt. Elliot, and others, all of great historical interest. Many old photographs and a number of paintings and sketches by modern painters have also been promised. This exhibition is probably the first of its kind and will evidently arouse an unprecedented interest in art circles in this part of the world.

Race Meeting.

The last Race Meeting of the Macao Race Club for this year takes place at Macao on Sunday, December 11th. The entry is a good one and local interest in racing is slowly, but surely, being aroused. For the convenience of Hongkong racing enthusiasts a special excursion steamer, the s.s. Lungshan, will make the trip over from Hongkong, leaving the British Colony at 8.30 a.m. and leaving Macao, on the return trip at 5 p.m.

FINES FOR OWNERS OF UNLICENSED DOGS.

BATCH OF CASES THIS MORNING.

Among the weekly batch of summonses against dog owners heard at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning were several cases in which European residents of the Peninsula were charged with keeping animals without an appropriate license from the Captain Superintendent of Police.

A lady who answered a summons taken out against her husband, for keeping a black and brown mongrel dog without a license was fined \$6.

A plea of forgetfulness was put forward by Mr. R. C. Witchell whose offence was that of keeping a fox-terrier without a license. The defendant said that it was a matter of not renewing his old license. A fine was imposed.

Mr. F. E. Lawrence was also fined \$5 for keeping a brown dog without a license. The defendant said that he was under the impression that a dog did not require a license until six months old.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on Mr. C. O. Baptista; of No. 568, Nathan Road, for keeping an unlicensed Airedale dog, while a summons against Mr. A. Rosini of No. 311, Nathan Road, for keeping two chow dogs without licenses, was adjourned for one week, the defendant failing to appear this morning.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 7.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.90
Amsterdam	12.07
Berlin	20.44
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.52
Helsingfors	193.24
Lisbon	2.7/16
Bucharest	.700
Buenos Aires	47.7/8
Shanghai	2.7/14
Yokohama	4/10/4
New York	4.88 3/2
Geneva	.25.28
Milan	.90.00
Stockholm	18.08
Oslo	18.84
Prague	164.2
Madrid	29.60
Athens	367.5
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/61/16
Hongkong	2/63/8
Silver (spot)	.26%
Silver (forward)	.26%

British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

"The barber was very cheerful and chatty as he lathered his customer's chin."

"No, sir," he said, "I used to give credit, but I don't now. In fact, nobody asks for it now."

"How's that?" asked the customer.

"Well, sir, I once had a set of customers who used to ask me to chalk it up, but they kept me waiting so long that I got tired of keeping books and started a new system. Whenever I shaved one of them I put a little nick in his nose and kept tally that way. It was wonderful how soon they went back to the old plan of paying for each shave at the time."

The customer's voice trembled slightly as his lathered lips moved, and he said:

"Do you object to being paid in advance?"

Beat me, kick me, cheat me, lick me,
Throw me down the stairs;
Gash me, pound me, slash me,
hound me,

Make me say my prayers:
Though we'll always have a fight,
Life, I'll love you just for spite!

Mrs. Bridget Williams, of Poplar-street, Canning Town, who stated that she contracted dermatitis, a skin disease, from the fur collar of a coat, was awarded £50, with costs, at Bow County Court, against Mrs. Jane Lewis, of Victoria Dock-road, Canning Town, for breach of warranty in the sale of the coat, which was bought at her shop.

"Has your husband any means?" asked the Willesden magistrate when a wife made an application to him.

The wife: Yes, I happen to know that he is a member of a yacht club.

The husband, in surprise: May I ask how you obtained that information?

Wife: Certainly. I searched your pockets while you were in the bath and found the receipt for your subscription.

She shyly entered the bank, and going up to one of the pay clerks presented him with a crossed cheque.

"I'm very sorry," he said politely, "but I cannot pay this across the counter."

"Oh, never mind," she said with an engaging smile. "I'll come round that side."

Mr. Jolly, counsel, cross-examining a man in Mr. Justice Eve's Court recently: Are you a lay preacher?

The man: Am I what? Do you preach at all on Sunday?

—What do you mean? I am a wheelwright.

Are you also a preacher? I don't understand what you mean.

Mr. Justice Eve: Do you ever go into the pulpit?

The man: This is the nearest I have ever been to one.

And this happened in Massachusetts. A school committee man was visiting a classroom. After the class had read one of Webster's speeches, the visitor asked one boy, "Who was Webster?"

"A statesman," the boy replied.

"But what is a statesman?" the visitor asked.

"A man who goes around making speeches," replied the lad.

"That is not quite right," said the committee man. "I go around making speeches yet I am not a statesman."

"I know," spoke up a bright little fellow. "A statesman is a man who goes around making good speeches."

He rushed into the bar. "Give me a pint of beer before the row starts," he said.

The barman produced the drink and he promptly drank it. "Give me another pint, quick, before the row begins."

When he had done this three times the barman asked—"What's this row about, and when is it going to start?"

"It starts now," he said. "I've no money to pay for the beer."

From a book on Food Values: Professor Benedict has stated that it requires one calorie to rise from a sitting position in front of a door, turn the key in the lock and sit down again. No fault can be found with the getting-up and the sitting-down again, but to ask a poor little calorie to turn a key in the lock savours somewhat of cruelty.

The wedding of Miss Esther Mary Kotewall, the daughter of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., and Mrs. Kotewall, and Mr. Shu Kai Lee will take place on Wednesday, December 21st. Following the marriage ceremony a reception will be held at Hatton House, 57, Conduit Road.

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CANTON AFFAIRS.

PROPOSED 20-CENT NOTES.

TSE YING-PAK'S FUTURE.

According to a Canton report, communication conditions on the West River are returning to normal. Formerly there were four steamers running between Canton and Wuchow, these being the s.s. Tin Ding, s.s. Tin Chau, s.s. Man On and s.s. Kwok Tai. Since the Canton coup, the two former steamers have suspended their services, but the other two are still plying as usual. With the exception that when vessels arriving at Wuchow are subjected to a vigilante search by two small Kwangsi gunboats before passengers and cargo are allowed off the ships, conditions on the West River are quiet.

New Bank Notes.

A vernacular report declares that in view of the tightness of money and the bank note trouble, the Canton Government has decided to issue, in the near future, small denomination bank notes, of 20 and 50 cents each. The new notes are said to be in process of printing and will soon be issued. Most of the money-changers' shops in Canton have agreed to accept Central Bank notes and it is also said that the price of copper cents has risen considerably.

Regarding the small denomination notes, another report says that the Commissioner of Finance yesterday declared that if the bank note trouble is overcome, the Government might see fit to suspend the issuing of these notes.

General Wang Shao-hung.

General Wang Shao-hung, the deposed Kwangsi military leader, has arrived at Wuchow, the present headquarter of the Kwangtungites, according to a Chinese source. The same report adds that upon his arrival, a reception was given by the Wuchow Government officials.

Two telegrams were despatched by Wang Shao-hung to Generals Li Chai-sum and Pei Chung-isi, explaining the situation "during and after the coup at Canton." Wang states that he boarded a vessel for Pakhoi from Hongkong and from Pakhoi he came back to Wuchow.

Kongmoon Captured.

The report that Kongmoon has been captured by the "Ironides" is confirmed. Some time ago, the Canton Military Council appointed Mr. Tse Ying-pak, the present Canton Commissioner for Labour, as Field Marshal of all the armies in Southern Kwangtung. Following the news that Kongmoon has been taken by the "Ironides," Tse Ying-pak has announced that he will probably establish his headquarters at Kongmoon, directing the two regiments belonging to the 5th Army, one regiment of the 2nd Division of the "Ironides."

However, another Canton report says that Tse will not take the position of Field Marshal, for as Commissioner for Labour, he is too busy to be able to accept an additional post. The probability is that General Hsich Yo will become Field Marshal. The troops under Hsich Yo some time ago returned to Canton from the North River districts and it is learned that many of his men are still in Canton.

General Chang Fat-kwa.

At the 75th session of the Canton Political Council at Canton, General Chang Fat-kwa, the leader of the "Ironides," tendered his resignation as Commissioner of the Political Council on the ground that, being a Commissioner of the Canton Military Council, he had no time to take up two high positions in the Canton Government at the same time. It is said that General Chang's proposal will be considered by the Political Commissioners at an early meeting.

Mr. Chau Min-cho, the Commissioner of Finance in Kwangtung, has been appointed by the Canton Government to act as the Chief Director of the Central Bank.

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH.

LEAGUE CONSIDERS CHIEF RAVAGES.

Geneva, Dec. 7. Leprosy, malaria, small-pox, cancer, and sleeping sickness, are among the subjects on which a report of the health committee of the League was adopted to-day. It recommends measures for international co-operation, and suggests a further conference of experts to continue the campaign against sleeping sickness.—Reuter.

FATAL MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT.

CHAUFFEUR CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

DIMMING OF LIGHTS.

The case in which Sand Khan, the driver of motor car No. 1965, belonging to Mr. C. Bernard Brown, is charged with manslaughter in connexion with the death of a Chinese girl in an accident in Connacht Road, West, was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning. The defendant is further charged with refusing to stop when called upon to do so by a police officer, and also with dangerous driving.

Sub-inspector C. F. Alexander is prosecuting and Mr. Leo D'Almada is defending. Mr. R. A. Wadeon is watching the case on behalf of the owner.

This morning Sub-inspector A. H. Mason was cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada. Witness said that he had had experience of traffic conditions in the Colony. If the defendant had taken the route which he was supposed to have done, he would have travelled through a thickly populated area. At the time of the accident, the wharves for the Macao and Canton steamers were usually congested. In that district it would be correct to drive on the left centre of the road.

Question of Dimming.

Mr. D'Almada asked witness whether if a driver of one car met another car with full lights on, it would be his duty to dim his lights.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that there was no question of duty, there being no regulation to that effect. He added that it was still a disputed point as to whether motorists should dim or not.

Mr. D'Almada altered his question to whether it would be wise to dim lights.

Witness replied that, taking into consideration the width of the road, about 60 feet, and the fact that it was lighted, he did not consider that it would be necessary to dim lights.

If one car should dim, would it not then be the duty of the other car to dim also?—It would not be his duty, but it would be the courtesy of the road.

Mr. Lindsell: Would it? Do you consider it the courtesy of the road to dim?—Well, if a car dimmed and I was driving in the opposite direction, I should certainly dim my lights.

Mr. D'Almada:—Certainly, you agree there.

Against Dimming.

Mr. D'Almada:—When dimmers are used it is not so easy to see traffic as if full lights were on?—No.

Mr. Lindsell:—That, of course, is a great argument against dimming.

In reply to further questions, witness said he had come to the conclusion that the car must have been going at the rate of 30 miles an hour, or at a fairly fast speed. He had deduced that from his own examination of the car itself and from no other source.

The case is proceeding.

RETURNED BANISHEE SENTENCED.

BACK WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, a Chinese was charged with returning from banishment after having been sent away from the Colony for ten years.

Inspector Vincent, reading the man's record to the Magistrate, disclosed the fact that the defendant was sentenced in December, 1926, to four months' imprisonment for larceny and for receiving stolen goods. In June this year he was confidentially banished for ten years after having been caught in the company of bad characters.

Mr. Lindsell imposed a sentence of twelve months' hard labour and twelve strokes.

SANITARY BOARD VACANCY.

MR. J. P. BRAGA RETURNED UNOPPOSED.

For the vacancy on the Sanitary Board caused by the expiration of Dr. J. C. Macgown's period of service, the only candidate nominated is Mr. J. P. Braga, who will therefore be returned unopposed.

Mr. Braga was proposed by Mr. B. Wylie and seconded by Mr. C. M. Manners, O.B.E. He has recently been serving on the Board during the absence of Dr. W. V. M. Koch, and in view of the keen interest which he has shown in sanitary affairs his return to a seat will be welcomed by the public generally.

THE U. S. BUDGET.

BIG RESERVES FOR DEFENCE.

MORE SHIPS & AEROPLANES.

Washington, Dec. 7.

President Coolidge has presented his Budget to Congress. It amounts to \$4,258,793,765.

The total appropriations approved by Mr. Coolidge exceed last year's by \$224,222,541, and the current year's by \$118,649,219.

The largest item for national defence is \$645,000,000, which is an increase of \$20,000,000 compared with the last Budget, mainly due to naval building, army housing, and the continuation of the five years' aviation programme if Congress approves the Budget.

Navy and Army.

The total expenditure available for the navy in 1928 will be \$347,000,000, making an increase of \$48,000,000.

ORDER TO CHINESE BANKS.

Details of Affairs Demanded.

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

The Nationalist Government has issued an edict to the Chinese banks, demanding details as to their capital, reserves, stocks of bullion silver, note issues, and the names of depositors and details as to their accounts.

This has been the cause of a great deal of agitation, owing to speculation as to the motive behind the order, and a wholesale transfer to foreign banks is anticipated.

—Our Own Correspondent.

The total establishment of the army is placed at 118,750 enlisted men, which is slightly larger than at present, plus 12,000 officers.

The appropriations for the military and naval air services give the navy 696 out of 1,000 aeroplanes provided in the five-year programme, and the army 1,800 aeroplanes.

More Air Routes.

Funds will be available in 1928 for 10,000 miles of lighted air routes contemplated by the Department of Commerce!

Prohibition enforcement will cost nearly \$600,000, less than before, thanks to economies in the administration.

Two submarines and eight cruisers will be under construction in 1928. Two of these cruisers will practically be completed in 1929.

Money is also recommended for the modernisation of the battleships Oklahoma and Nevada. An airship has already been authorised by Congress.—Reuters American Service.

RUBBER SHARES.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. notify the following quotations of rubber shares:

Allens	\$ 3.20
Alor Gajah	2.60
Amalgamated Malaya	4.20
Ayer Moles	2.65
Balgowries	3.50
Bassett	1.45
Brogas	1.70
Bukit Jelotong	1.30
Bukit Katil	1.30
Changkat Serdangs	8.50
Connemaras	2.45
Glenelies	3.15
Indragiris	12.00
Jerams	1.85
Jitnias	2.85
Kedahs	4.25
Kempas	8.20
Kuala Sidims	4.20
Lunas	3.20
Malaka Pindas	2.70
Mandal Tekongs	0.75
Mentakab	0.65
New Serendahs	4.30
Pajams	2.85
Punggors	1.30
Sandycroft	2.75
Saudals	8.40
Sungai Bagans	4.60
Tapans	3.15
Tambakals	1.60
Teluk Ansons	8.05
United Malacca	2.55
Utan Simpans	4.00
The price of raw rubber is 71 cents per lb.	

NANKING AND CANTON COUP.

ORDER FOR ARREST OF TWO GENERALS.

COMMUNISM ALLEGED.

As a sequel to the recent Canton coup, the Nanking Nationalist Government has issued a proclamation ordering the arrest of General Chang Fat-kwai and General Wang Ki-cheung on a charge of conspiracy with the Communist Party and treason against the Kuomintang.

The issuance of the proclamation definitely reveals that the Canton coup was of Communist origin.

The proclamation was issued by the Nationalist Government Council in accordance with a decision reached at its 21st meeting last Friday. Armed military measures are to be taken to enforce it.

Text Of The Mandate.

The punitive mandate reads: "The attention of the Nationalist Government Council has been called to a report filed by the Military Council to the effect that Chang Fat-kwai and Wang Ki-cheung have revolted in Kwangtung against the Government in conspiracy with their communist partisans, and also to the telegram from General Li Chai-sum, detailing their numerous crimes and petitioning the Government to take stern measures against them.

"It is to be recalled that both Chang Fat-kwai and Wang Ki-cheung were by order of the Government to carry on the Northern Expedition, but in defiance of the Government's order, they have instead marched their troops to the south, bringing sufferings to Kiangsi and causing much disturbance in Kwangtung. Their crimes had long merited stern punishment, but the Government, considering that they both were generals of the army of the Party, had shown extraordinary clemency in their treatment.

"However, contrary to such expectations, they were found to harbour dangerous intentions. Immediately upon their return to Kwangtung, they allied themselves with the Communists, creating disturbance in the rear in order to hinder the progress of the Northern Expedition. They have revolted against both the Government and the Party, and have made the peaceful and prosperous province of Kwangtung into a refuge of rebels.

"The Government, therefore, hereby orders that Chang Fat-kwai and Wang Ki-cheung be dismissed from their offices and that they be immediately arrested for trial and punishment. And it is further ordered that the Military Council be instructed to dispatch adequate forces to suppress and exterminate the rebels by different routes in order to deliver the people from their present suffering and to carry out the Government's good intention to uproot all malefactors."

FORMER HONGKONG PRODUCER.

MR. SINCLAIR'S SUCCESS IN AMERICA.

Friends of Mr. Walter Sinclair, formerly of Hongkong, will hear with gratification of the success of the first play which he produced at the Little Theatre, New Orleans, of which he was recently appointed Director.

The play, "The Mask and the Face," by C. B. Fernand, is a satirical comedy in three acts, and it ran for a week at the Little Theatre. A dramatic critic, commenting on the production, stated that Mr. Sinclair did a worthy piece of work. The direction was "smooth to near-perfection" whilst the settings were "lovely with a satisfying quietness."

The second play under Mr. Sinclair's production was to be St. John Ervine's famous work, "John Ferguson." It is intended to produce a dramatized version of Thackeray's "Fireside Panorama," "The Rose and the Ring," as a Christmas offering, whilst for the remaining four productions this season, the choice will be made of the following plays.

"The Cardinal"—A romantic play of the Medici, by L. N. Parker.
"The House"—A new play, not yet presented in America, by H. F. Rubenstein.
"Right You Are When You Think You Are"—By L. Pirandello.
"Saturday's Children"—By Maxwell Anderson.
"Anna Christie"—By Eugene O'Neill.
"Heartbreak House"—By G. B. Shaw.
"The Adventurer"—By Hugh Ross, a historical drama, not yet presented on any stage.

DIVIDED CHINA.

PELEA FOR REGIONAL RECOGNITION.

U. S. SENATOR'S VIEW.

Among the many proposals for a revision of American policy in China is one, sponsored by Senator Hiram Bingham of Connecticut, for recognition or, at any rate, direct friendly contact with the numerous Governments, which from time to time set themselves up in various parts of China. Broadly, there are two Governments in China, the recognized Government in Peking and the Nationalist Government in Nanking. Actually, neither of these governments exercises a very wide or definite control beyond one or two provinces.

This lack of control from a central organ is no new condition to China: there has been a progressive lessening in authority since the Taiping Rebellion which began long before the foreigners had made their very potent impress upon China. At the beginning of November, writes Mr. George E. Sokolsky in the *Far Eastern Review*, there were ten Government groups in China, more or less independent as circumstances permitted. Through a series of battles and political manoeuvres, this number has been reduced. At the moment of writing a political map of China would show the following:

1. Peking Government: Manchuria, Chihli, Shantung, parts of Honan, Mongolia, Kiangsu and Anhui, and a railroad corridor to Shansi. This Government controls the Tientsin-Pukow, Peking-Mukden, Peking-Suyuan and part of the Kinhai Railways.

2. Nanking Government: Part of Kiangsu, Chekiang, Kiangsi, Fukien, Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hupeh, Hunan, part of Kiangsu and Anhui. It controls the Shanghai-Nanking, Shanghai-Hangchow and part of the Tientsin-Pukow line.

3. Yen Shih-shan: This general is now fighting the Peking Government for the possession of the province of Shansi, which he has held for 16 years. He is now in alliance with Nanking but is, in fact, independent. He is also in alliance (at present somewhat indefinite), with Soviet Russia.

4. Feng Yu-hsiang: This general holds part of Honan, Shensi and Kansu—the north-western provinces. He is in alliance with Nanking but is, in fact, independent.

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most of the present rolling stock, some of which, as in the case of the District Railway, is more than twenty years old. The improvements will enable the company to run longer and faster trains, better lighted and ventilated carriages, and with more comfortable seating accommodation. The carriages will have pneumatically operated doors. There are also to be new motors giving three or four times the power for the present weight, and new control equipment.

SOVIET CELEBRATION.

BRITISH LABOURITES IN MOSCOW.

London, Nov. 9.—"Nobody must stay at home. Everybody must be in the streets to swell the mighty living currents, converging on Lenin's Mausoleum," were the Soviet's orders to celebrate the Soviet's anniversary, says the Riga correspondent of the *Times*.

The parade included, without precedent, "National cavalry formations, from the eastern peoples, including Turkomans" and Caucasians."

M. Kalinin, M. Bukharin, Mr. W. Gallagher, British miners' leader, and M. Sakhavtvala, Communist M.P., were among the orators at the Lenin Mausoleum, who emphasised that "Bolshevism had brought the world to the brink of ruin. It will shortly fall, enabling the establishment of Soviets throughout the world," he said.

The celebrations included a two-day theatrical representation, broadcast through Russia, of the events of the last decade, giving prominence to the general strike, the T.U.C. traitors, and Sir Austen Chamberlain's, Mr. Baldwin's, and Mr. Winston Churchill's part in it, declaring that the murder of M. Voikoff, Soviet Charge d'Affairs in Poland, who was assassinated at Warsaw in June, was directed from London. The scene culminates with a British delegate paying tribute to broken Russian to the Soviet's progress.

Rioters Suppressed.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Daily News* says that M. Trotsky and M. Kameneff were howled down when they attempted to address the anniversary demonstrators in the suburbs of Moscow. M. Zinovjeff and M. Radek were similarly treated.

The Leningrad police, assisted by the mob, demolished the portraits of Trotsky and Zinovjeff, which were displayed in the shops. The cavalry has been withdrawn from the parade to suppress the opposition rioters in Moscow. Many arrests have been made.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.



PHIL SCOTT TO MEET JOHNNY RISKO.

THIRD AMERICAN CONTEST IN FIVE WEEKS.

HUNDRED PER CENT. BETTER.

London, Dec. 7.

Phil Scott, the British heavyweight champion, will appear in the ring for the third time in less than five weeks to-morrow against Johnny Risko, the Cleveland fighter. The contest will be over ten rounds and is being contested at Baker, commencing at 4 a.m. Greenwich Time.

Scott's manager states that Scott is one hundred per cent. better to-day than when he landed at America.

Scott's first fight in New York ended in the first round, Knute Hansen punishing him severely. There was much Press criticism of the British fighter, but on November 29th, he knocked out Wayne Munn in the tenth round after having the better of the contest from beginning to end. *Reuter.*

Later.

Risko won on points.—*Reuter.*

SCHOOL SPORTS.

INTER-HOUSE GAMES AT DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

On Friday last the Diocesan Boys' School held their House Sports on the School ground behind the temporary premises in Nathan Road.

The School is divided for the sake of games into four houses each of which conducted its own sports independently of the others. Later the four houses will compete against each other in Inter-House Sports. In accordance with the custom of the Diocesan Boys' School no prizes were awarded. While possibly no records were broken a satisfactory feature was the large proportion of boys who entered for at least one event: altogether no less than 54 boys obtained places first, second, or third.

All the necessary work, secretarial, starting, judging &c. was done by the senior boys, each house having elected a committee of seven. The senior results were as follows:

Yellow House.

100 yards.—1, Leung Cheuk-kau; 2, Ma Chiu Chong; 3, W. Kew. 440 yards.—1, Ma Chin-chong; 2, Leung Cheuk-kau; 3, Shu Sung-pok. 1 Mile.—1, J. Channing; 2, B. Chan; 3, J. Willis. Long Jump.—1, Pong Pun-fong; 2, Long Cheuk-kau; 3, W. Kew. Distance: 16 ft. 5 ins. High Jump.—1, Leung Cheuk-kau; 2, Ma Chiu-chong. Height: 4 ft. 8 ins.

Blue House.

100 yards.—1, Chow Hon-shu; 2, S. Christie; 3, J. Shaw. 440 yards.—1, J. Shaw; 2, Chow Hon-shu. High Jump.—1, D. Anderson; 2, S. Christie. Height: 4 ft. 6 ins. Long Jump.—1, S. Christie; 2, D. Anderson; 3, J. Shaw. Distance: 16 ft. 4 ins.

Brown House.

100 yards.—1, B. Wong; 2, A. Lee.

440 yards.—1, R. Kavarana; 2, Chan Tsan-sheng.

High Jump.—1, Kan Po-chi; 2, B. Wong.

Height: 4 ft. 7 ins.

Long Jump.—1, A. Lee; 2, B. Wong; 3, Cheng Kam-to.

Height: 16 ft. 11 ins.

Green House.

100 yards.—1, Kan Yuet-hing; 2, F. Zimmerman; 3, Wong Chong-fui.

440 yards.—1, Kan Yuet-hing; 2, O. Taudien; 3, G. Winch.

1 Mile.—1, G. White; 2, Wong Wai-sum; 3, G. Kotewall.

Long Jump.—1, H. Jackson; 2, Kan Yuet-hing; 3, Wong Kam-pui.

Distance: 16 ft. 10 ins.

High Jump.—1, H. Jackson; 2, Kan Yuet-hing.

Height: 4 ft. 9 ins.

The Junior results were:

Yellow House.

100 yards.—1, Cheng Chee; 2, Chan Ip-ting; 3, Kan Sz-chu.

220 yards.—1, Chan Ip-ting; 2, Wong Man-leung; 3, N. Broadbridge.

Half Mile.—1, Woo Yee-mo; 2, Wong Man-leung; 3, N. Broadbridge.

Long Jump.—1, Cheng Chee; 2, Kan Sz-chu; 3, F. Martin.

Distance: 14 ft. 9 ins.

High Jump.—1, Cheng Chee; 2, Chan Ip-ting; 3, F. Martin.

Height: 4 ft. 3 ins.

Blue House.

100 yards.—1, A. Hunt; 2, K. Kavarana; 3, H. L. Pau.

220 yards.—1, A. Hunt; 2, Cheng Kwong-hin; 3, Wong Kam-yin.

Half Mile.—1, A. Hunt; 2, V. White; 3, G. Glover.

Long Jump.—1, Wong Kam-yin; 2, Cheng Kwong-hin; 3, G. T. Lee.

Distance: 12 ft. 4 ins.

High Jump.—1, Cheng Kwong-hin; 2, Wong Kam-yin.

Height: 3 ft. 7 ins.

Brown House.

100 yards.—1, B. Wong; 2, S. Broadbridge.

Green House.

100 yards.—1, G. Winch; 2, S. Broadbridge.

Blue House.

100 yards.—1, G. Winch; 2, S. Broadbridge.

Football and Tennis.

The Inter-House football and tennis matches were concluded last week.

Yellow House in each case being the winners.

In football they had the splendid record of 12-0 against Blue, 7-0 against Brown, 1-0 against Green and 5-0 against a combined team from these three houses.

In tennis teams of four competed.

Yellow House beat Blue House by 37 games to 7, Green House by 31 games to 13 and Brown House by 34 games to 10.

"MERRIE ENGLAND."

A PROMISING DRESS REHEARSAL.

The dress rehearsal of the Philharmonic Society's production, "Merrie England," was held at the Theatre Royal last night and gave every indication that the Society is putting on a show that will prove very popular. In addition to extremely good acting and singing, there is a feast of colour that makes the stage appear a veritable fairland. Judging by the excellence of the rehearsal, there seems little doubt but what the Society will score one of its greatest successes.

The rehearsal was open to Service men and the opening night for the general public is to-morrow. The opera will be continued during next week, with a matinee on Wednesday.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 10th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

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Gillingham	v. Southend U.
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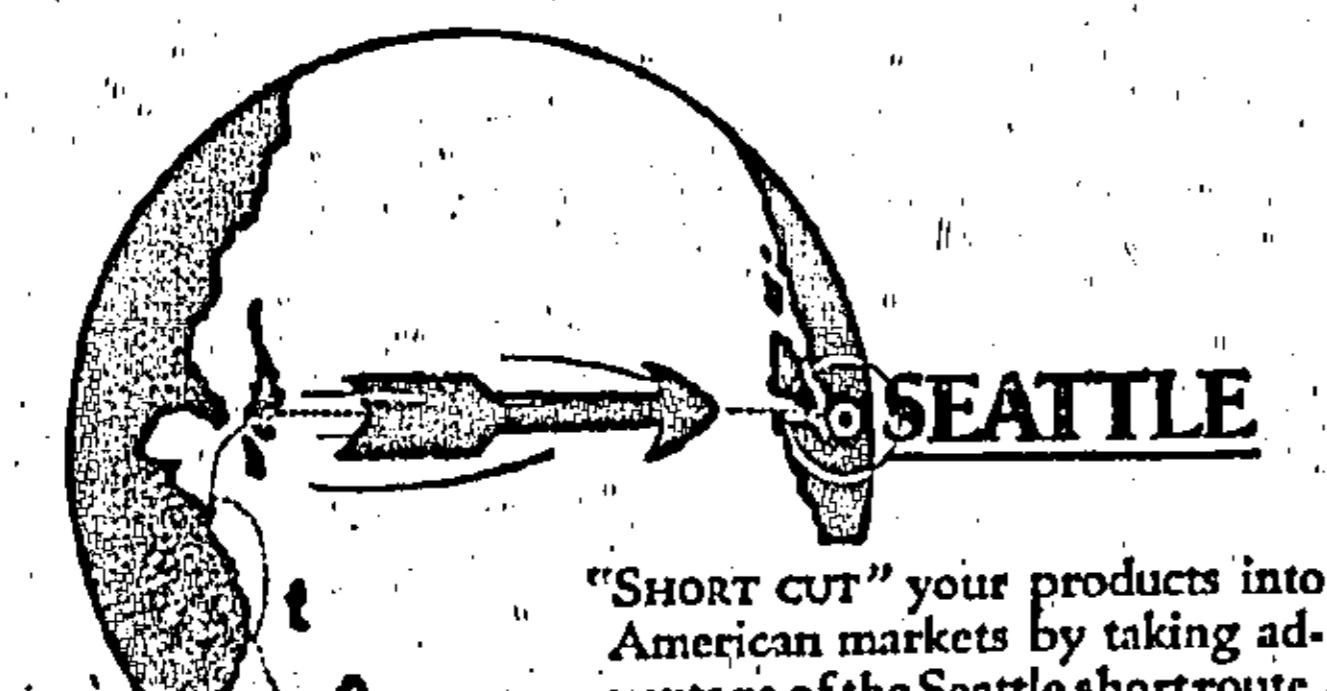
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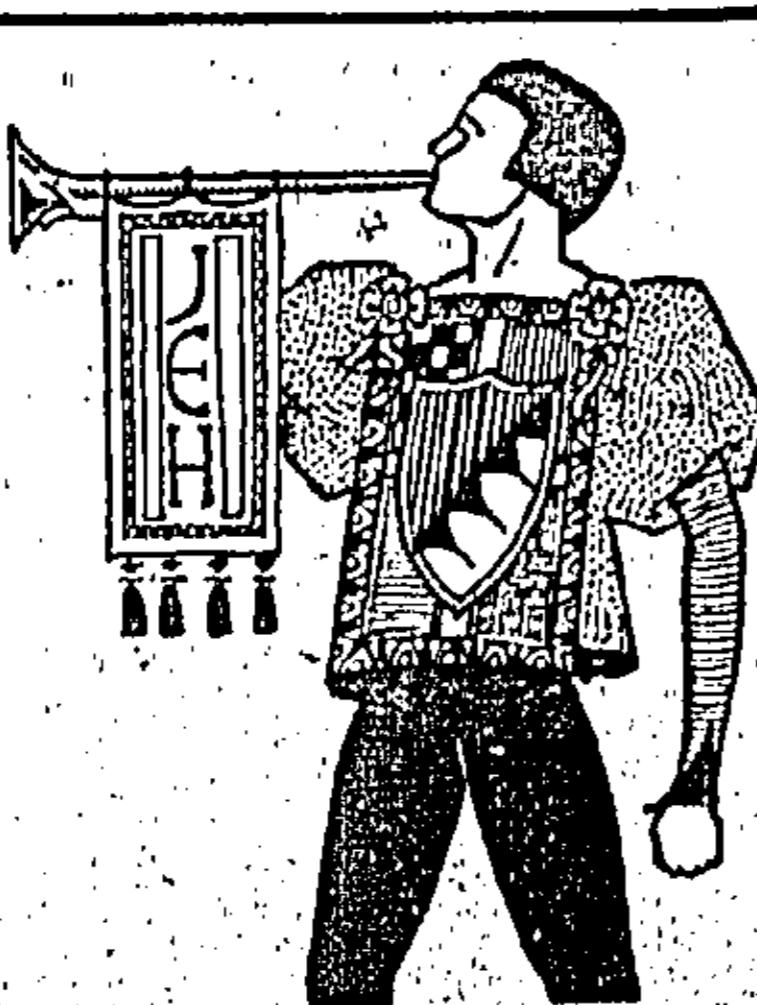
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NEW TERRITORIES SHOW.

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"Duro" Deep Well Pump.—This type of pump is capable of drawing water from any depth up to 200 feet, and against heads of 150 feet. It could not be shown in operation, but was merely on exhibition.

Hydro-Electric and Wind Driven Electric Light and Power Plants.—This company also had an exhibition pictures of two recent types of private electric plants, showing their manner of installation. The water-driven type is adaptable to provide current for any required purpose wherever a small stream of running water is available, and is the latest development in this field of engineering. Its most salient feature is the low cost of operation and maintenance, as after the initial expense (no more than the usual liquid fuel plant) no further disbursements are required other than for a little lubricating oil every month or so.

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"Water by Wire" was a coloured moving picture shown by this Company to illustrate the various ways in which our forefathers obtained the most vital of liquids required by the human race.

THE POULTRY SECTION.

Some Excellent Livestock on Exhibition.

In the Poultry and Live Stock Section (not for competition) Mr. A. E. B. de Sousa, manager, Poultry Specialists' Co., 4 Duddell Street, exhibited single comb white Leghorn cockerels and pullets of both American and Australian strain, together with a single comb Rhode Island red cockerel and pullet and a black Australorp cockerel and pullet.

Mr. D. E. de Carvalho, of Messrs. Botelho Bros., had on view one pen of Rhode Island single comb birds consisting of one cock and two hens, and also one basket of a dozen Leghorn eggs, each weighing two ounces or over.

Mr. H. A. Rodgers, of White Cottage, Tai Po, showed a Scandinavian Landrace sow, directly imported. This was an exceptionally fine specimen weighing 300 catties or 400 lbs. The sow is between eight and nine months.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, of Fanling, had a Yorkshire sow on exhibition. This was obtained from the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co.'s stock and reared at Fanling. The sow has a litter of eight young ones. Recently Mr. d'Almada disposed of a sow which weighed 275 lbs when 10 months old, thus demonstrating the excellent quality of "food" grown at Fanling suitable for the successful rearing of pigs.

THE SHOW OFFICIALS.

Those Who Helped Towards Exhibition's Success.

The Committee was indebted to the Railway authorities for the arrangements in connexion with the conveyance of visitors to and from the Show. The special cheap excursion rate was much appreciated. Every facility was afforded by the management for the quick transportation of articles for the Show.

To the "Star" Ferry Co. the Committee was under obligation for the concession accorded of free fare to the bandsmen of the K.O.S.B., who were present at the Show and under the capable direction of Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., delighted the visitors with excellently rendered music throughout the afternoon. The following selection of music was played, by kind permission of Lieutenant-Colonel L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., and officers.

March of the Peers from "Iolanthe," (Sullivan). Overture, "Tancered," (Rossini). Selection, "The Desert Song," (Romberg). Intermezzo, "Baby's Sweetheart," (Corri). Chinese Suite, "Feast of Lanterns," (Glover). Caprice, "Echo des Bastions," (Kling). Selection, "Yeomen of the Guard," (Sullivan). Fox Trot, "The Toy-Town Parade," (Nicholls). "Blue Bonnets O'er the Border," God Save the King.

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NEWS DISTRIBUTION.

LEAGUE DISCUSSES RADIO IMPROVEMENT.

Geneva, Dec. 7. The Council of the League of nations has approved the report of the recent Press Conference.

Several delegates emphasized the importance of the recommendation that the Conference should favour the improvement of telephone and telegraphic wireless communications all over the world, particularly between Geneva and London. The question was referred to the League's communications Committee for necessary action.

Sr. Urutia of Colombia, supporting the recommendation, pointed out that London was the chief centre of the distribution of news from America and from the Far East. Sig. Adatci warmly associated himself with the report and hoped that efforts to improve communications between Geneva and London would be successful. Cheng Lo, and M. Dandurand followed in the same sense. Sir Austen Chamberlain promised, when he returned to London to see what could be done to carry out the recommendation.—Reuter.

LEAGUE AND OPIUM.

GERMANY AND ITALY NOT WILLING TO RATIFY.

Geneva, Dec. 7. In the League Council discussion of the report of the Opium Committee Herr Stresemann declared that Germany would not ratify the Geneva Opium Convention of 1925 until the German expert was elected a member of the Central Board.

Sig. Scallopia indicated that Italy would ratify the Convention if the social and humanitarian section of the League Secretariat carried out the secretarial work of the Central Board.

Sig. Adatci declared he was willing to accept the Italian proposal if it would secure the ratification of the Convention. On the motion of Sig. Adatci the Council decided to invite the League Committee to examine the Italian suggestion.—Reuter.

The Committee had the benefit of the services of some fifteen members of Chinese Company, Police Reserve. These "specials" kindly volunteered their services and very efficiently maintained control on the grounds. Boy Scouts also did good work.

The Judges.

Foreign Vegetables.
Mr. Jas. Bullock.
Mr. J. L. MacPherson.
Mr. Fung Kai Cheuk.

Roots, etc. and Green Vegetables (Chinese).

Mr. Ho Kom Tong, O.B.E.
Mr. Choa Po Sien.
Mr. Tang Wai Tong.
Mr. Tang Yau Shan.
Mr. Lau Wang.

Rice.

Mr. Li Cham Hing.
Mr. Tang Wai Tong.
Mr. Tang Yau Shan.
Mr. Lau Wang.

Fruits and Melons.

Mr. Tsoi Po Tin.
Other Cereals and Legumes.
Mr. Lau Wang.
Mr. Tang Wai Tong.
Mr. Tang Yau Shan.

Sugar Cane.

Mr. Leung Wai Tai.
Officials in charge of Poultry and Live-Stock Section were Mr. Jas. Bullock and Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza.

The Officials.

The officials of the Show were as follows:

Patron, H. E. The Governor, Sir Cecil Clement, K.C.M.G.

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Committee, Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E. (Chairman), Mr. Jas. Bullock, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Lady Ho Tung, Mr. L. Gibbs, Mr. J. L. MacPherson, Mr. Ng Sing Chi (Hon. Chinese Secretary), and Mr. J. P. Braga, (Hon. English Secretary and Treasurer).

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U. S. POLICIES.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT

London, Dec. 7.

The part of President Coolidge's annual message to Congress which attracts most attention in Britain is naturally the reference to the Geneva Naval Conference.

The Times says: Mr. Coolidge's

announcement that "any future

treaty of limitation will call on us

for more ships may seem to rule

out any future conference in ad-

vance, but it need not arouse

anxiety or make the slightest dif-

ference to the naval policy of

Great Britain. That policy is

based on long experience of the

vital needs of self defence. Its

principles in no way contrast with those which President Coolidge has laid down.

"It is for the Government and the people of the United States to estimate their maritime requirements. We can only consider our own." What has always been made perfectly clear is that we shall not dream of building in competition with the United States. Our needs cannot be determined by theirs."

The Daily Chronicle says: "The question as to what constitutes adequate defence for America is not one with which we can usefully

concern ourselves. If we had rea-

son to doubt her peaceful intentions

we could not be indifferent to it.

But we have no shadow of rea-

son for doubting them and can

therefore accept for ourselves the

measures for national defence."

While the American scarcely refers to that part of President Coolidge's message dealing with the navy, but con-

tinues its attention on the com-

parisons, and the British gen-

erally agrees that Britain is

not dream of building wars

in competition with America.

French press laments the "in-

quacy" of the French naval au-

ffices and urges that Amer-

ica should prove the ne-

cessities of each nation taking its own

OUR NEW SERIAL

THE HOUSE OF SIN.

By ALLEN UPWARD.
(Author of "The Yellow Hand,"
"The Ordeal of Fire," etc.)

CHAPTER XVI.

Dr. Tarleton noted the exchange of glances.

The invalid accepted her husband's reproof with amability.

"You were right, Henry, of course. But you know I never suggested that dear Rosa had been guilty of anything more than thoughtlessness. Girls nowadays think they can 'behave' just like men."

Tarleton addressed Mlle. Pregut. "Now you know that this unfortunate man was murdered here, apparently while on his way to visit you, can you suggest any motive for the crime?"

The Frenchwoman gave her mistress a strange look. Then she suddenly began to tremble.

"I am innocent, monsieur; I swear it, by Heaven!"

"Fut, tut! No one is accusing you," returned the doctor in a friendly tone. "I am simply asking you if you can think of anyone else who might have had a motive for putting your lover out of the way."

Pregut's trembling increased. The effect of the drug she had taken appeared to be wearing off. She threw a look of despair at the Duchess, whose face exhibited nothing but innocent wonder.

"Come, Suzanne, you had better speak out."

"I'm afraid, madame, I dare not make any suggestion. I do not know of anyone who had cause to complain of Monsieur Montacute except—She faltered, and began to shed tears.

"Except?" Tarleton repeated.

"It is impossible, monsieur. Miladi Rosa could never have done such a thing," sobbed the lady's maid.

He took a short time for consideration before replying to the triumphant Duke.

The specialist started back in horror. He had had to face the possibility that Lady Rosa might be suspected of receiving Montacute, and that her betrothed, Captain Theobald, might be charged with having avenged her; but an accusation such as was now hinted at took the investigator by surprise. He stood aghast like one who has lifted a stone in search of an insect and found a viper underneath.

The Duke of Altringham seemed scarcely less horrified.

"Good heavens, woman! how dare you even hint such a thing!" he exclaimed.

Even the Duchess appeared to share her husband's feelings, though she expressed herself more gently.

"You don't seem to know what you are saying, Suzanne. Think, is there no one else who might have had a grudge against Mr. Montacute?"

Pregut shook her head in despair. But the Duke of Altringham came to the rescue. He turned to the doctor with an air of confidence.

"I was right about the cause of Montacute's visit; why shouldn't I be right about the murderer as well? You know I suggested that it might be the negro; the fact that a poisoned arrow was used really points to him. Sir Charles Beaumanor thinks so, too."

While his Grace was speaking the expert observed another lightning exchange of glances between mistress and maid. Mademoiselle ceased to sob.

"You think of everything, Henry," his wife said, admiringly. "Dr. Tarleton did not tell me about the poisoned arrow. I remember Frederick brought some home with him. Of course, anybody might have stolen one."

"Falai was the only person besides Theobald who knew how deadly they were," said the Duke, frowning.

"I should scarcely say that, dear," her Grace answered, passionately. "I think Fred warned us all not to touch them."

The investigator could scarcely restrain his feelings as he listened to the stepmother's persistent attempts to keep suspicion turned in the direction of the beautiful girl whom he was determined to protect. For once he departed from his strict duty so far as to put a leading question to the chief witness.

"Tell me," he asked the lady's maid, "has this negro shown any signs of admiring you?"

Pregut turned a grateful look on the questioner. Whatever her mistress might wish, the Frenchwoman clearly did not relish the task of accusing the Lady Rosa. It was not likely that such a woman was troubled with conscientious scruples; but no doubt she was sufficiently worldly wise to see the danger of making such a charge against daughter of the Duke of Altringham.

With an air of natural vanity she answered: "But yes, monsieur. Since you ask me, that detestable savage has annoyed me much by his attentions. I have even been afraid of some violence on his part."

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:
Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1140 b.
Chartered Bank, \$214 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$31 n.
P. and O., \$10 n.
East Asia, \$62 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$555 b.
Union Ins., \$293 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$120 s.
China Fires, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$635 b.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$381 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$30 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$170 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Pref.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., 90¹ n.
Union Waterboats, \$17 n.

Mining.

Bouquets, \$24¹ n.
Kailans, 63¹ n.
Langkats, Tls. 181 b.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.90 s.
Raubs, \$31 b.
Tromohs, 19/3 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$123 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 s.
China Providents, \$4 s.
Hongkong, Tls. 157 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 93 s.

Cottons.

Two Cottons, Tls. \$7.10 b.
Orizontals, Tls. 2 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 463 X Div.
Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$7.10 s.

H. K. Lands, \$58 n.

Shai Lands, Tls. 124 b.

Humphreys, \$13.75 b.

Realts, \$7.40 n.

Territorials, \$15 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$20.90 s.

Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.

Star Ferries, \$574 b.

China Lights, (Comb.) \$12 s.

H. K. Electrics, \$561 b.

Macau Electrics, \$44 b.

Telephones, \$3.90 b.

China Buses, Tls. 4 s.

Singapore Tractions, 12/9 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$13 n.

Malabons, \$30 s.

Canton Ices, \$5 n.

Cements, (Comb.) \$7 s.

Ropes (Old) \$10 n.

United Asbestos \$12 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$15.10 n.

Watsons, \$11 s.

Der A. Wing, \$6 n.

Lane Crawfords, \$5 s.

Mackintosh, \$22 s.

Sinceres, \$81 n.

Wm. Powells, \$5 s.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$19 b.

Constructions, \$17 s.

B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 55% b.

H. K. G. Loan, 4% Prem.

LETTER GOLF
SOLUTION.

Here is one solution to the puzzle on another page.

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der against some person or persons unknown.

Tarleton did not get back to his home till late that night, and his breakfast next morning was a little delayed. He was in the act of sitting down to it when a car drove up to the house and the door-bell was rung with violence.

Some instinct warned the specialist that his visitor was from Trafford House. He looked round without surprise when the Duke of Altringham's steward was shown in. But it was with real surprise that he marked the change in his master's appearance. The respectable Burrows looked as if he had seen something worse than a ghost.

He staggered, rather than walked, into the room.

"Sir," he gasped, "a dreadful thing has happened. There has been another murder in Trafford House last night."

Tarleton turned pale. His voice came from his throat in a whisper. "Who—who is it this time?" he asked.

(To be Continued.)

DIVIDED CHINA.

(Continued from Page 7.)

7. Soviet Republic of Mongolia: This vast region is now practically under the control of Soviet Russia. It is completely independent of any group in China.

8. The Mohammedan Chief of Chinese Turkestan: Nominally subject to the Peking Government, actually, these chiefs are completely independent of any control from any Government in China.

9. Tibet: Politically, entirely independent of China.

Less Central Control.

Even the above summary does not quite complete the picture. China is now in the midst of a far-reaching and conclusive a revolution as any country has yet witnessed. During such a period, all forms of central control lessen. Everywhere one of these governments is indicated as controlling an area, it is uncertain whether such control can always be exercised. Localities intervene. Officials who have developed personal strength in a region cannot easily be disciplined for fractures of administration. Military commanders on the spot act without consulting the central authority to which they admit allegiance and they cannot be reprimanded without risk of a rearrangement of partizanship. These confused conditions are normal in revolutionary periods and their exaggeration in China is only due to the size of the country, the huge mass of the population and the inadequate means of communication.

Foreign Powers, in their dealings with China, are constantly confronted with the fact that the only Government with which they can have any relations under the treaties, the Peking Government, can only exercise authority in one part of the country. The rest of China will not acknowledge Peking's fiat. Similarly, were the Powers to cease recognizing Peking and were they to determine to associate with Nanking, for example, they would find, in the present state of political conditions in China, that the limitations upon Nanking's authority are even more hazardous than those which obstruct the relations between Peking and the Powers.

Japanese Policy.

Japan has long since envisaged this problem in all its realism. Japan has direct friendly contacts in China not only with any Government that might want to have relations with it, but with any principal official who may be in actual control of territory. The Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, for instance, has been elevated to the rank of a Minister and he can act independently of the Japanese Minister in Peking. In Manchuria, through the Kwangtung leased territory and the South Manchuria Railway such a possibility of regional friendly contact has long been feasible. France has, particularly in Yunnan and Shanghai, followed a similar policy. The British Christmas Day Note and Sir Austin Chamberlain's famous speech on China, both presaged such a reorientation of British policy. The Russians, of course, attempted it but were badly scared by the complication of Third International activities in conjunction with the Kuomintang and the Communist Party of China.

Even the United States has been forced by events to meet with these regional Governments through its consuls and the Chinese Commissioners of Foreign Affairs. Little more than that is required at the present time. The appointment of High Commissioners, attached to each of the Governments, each with a different policy, would lead only to confusion and would in the end prove as objectionable to China as to the United States. On the other hand, there could be no objection to a Commission, official or unofficial, visiting China to determine the status of Americans in China, on condition that such a Commission should not limit its activities to a mere visit to Peking, Shanghai and Canton. For Americans and American interests now appear everywhere in China.

There can be no question but that Senator Bingham has hit upon an important idea—the United States should find a medium for dealing with the regional governments in China. At this time, there is no hope for immediate unity in China. The problem, then, is to maintain such relations between all parts of China and the United States as will make it possible for Americans to live and do business in China. That is the immediate problem of the moment—not the revision of the unequal treaties. So far as the Kuomintang is concerned, it is now known that their object is not to attempt the revision of treaties until their present military campaigns are completed. As for the North, upon them falls the responsibility of establishing a united country.

Why should the United States not attempt to be on good terms, let us say, with Szechuan even if that vast country is not on speaking terms with either Nanking or Peking?

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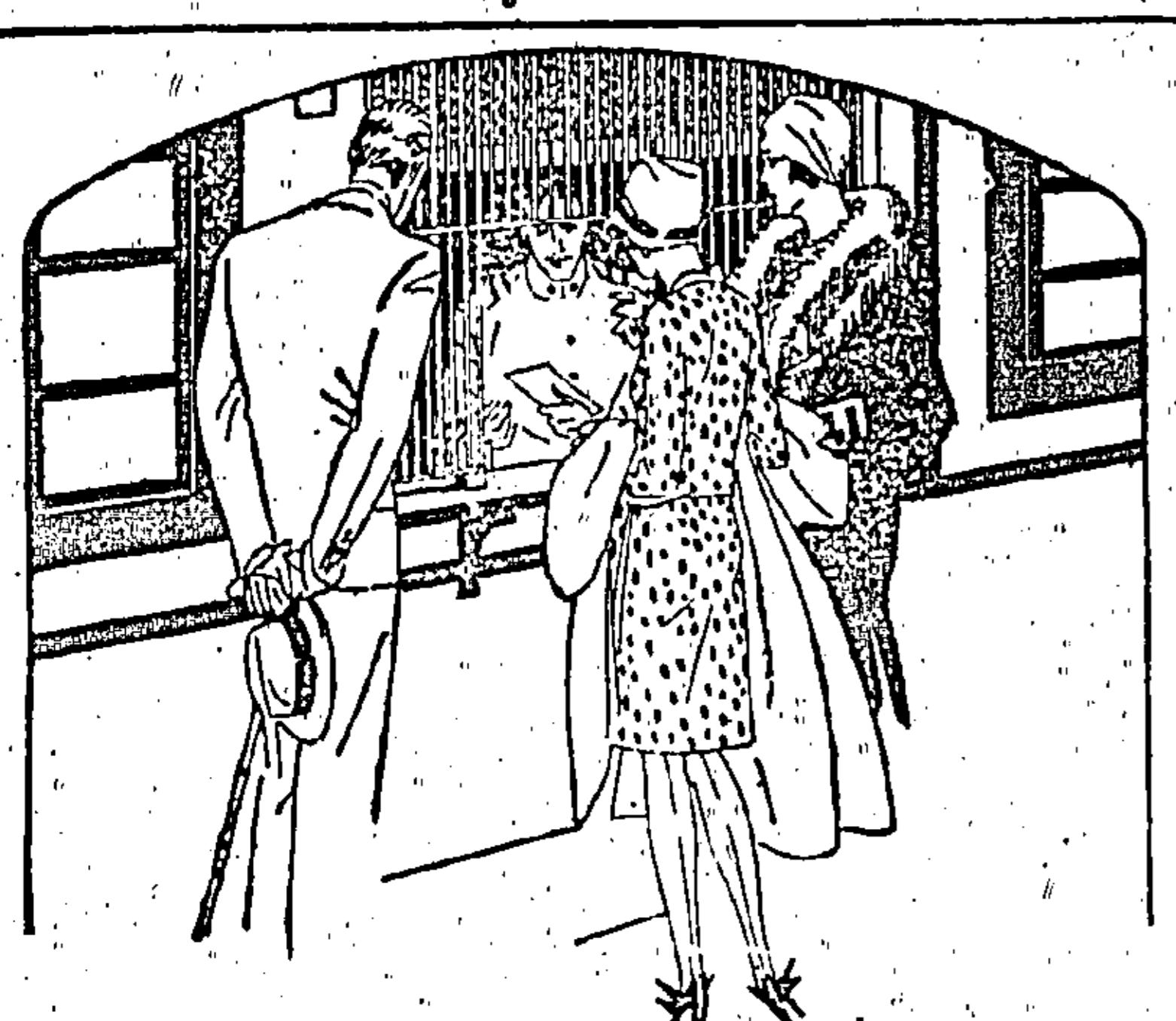
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THE WATER SUPPLY.

ALL RESERVOIRS BELOW OVERFLOW.

All reservoirs in the Colony are below overflow, with the exception of Tytam Intermediate, which remains level. The situation is far from satisfactory. Although there has been six inches more rain this year than last, the amount of water in storage is no less than 167,000,000 gallons less on the Island above.

The following figures, taken from the monthly Water Return, show storage, in millions and decimals of gallons on December 1 this year and last:

	1926	1927
Tytam	315.98	309.86
Tytam Intermediate	228	220
Tytam Tuk	190	195.50
Wong Nai Chung	150.76	114.62
Total	861.77	793.94
	1,868.61	1,701.25

Consumption has increased being over two gallons per head per day more than a year ago. Last year, the consumption figures were 246.38 million gallons, and this year 283.82 million gallons. The estimated population was 406,760 and 417,080 respectively, showing the daily individual consumption as 22.7 gallons as against 20.1 gallons in November of 1926.

There was a full supply in all rider main districts during November last year and this year, with the exception this year of the districts west of Eastern Street where an intermittent supply was given from Nov. 18 to 30.

Kowloon Figures.

The storage figures for Kowloon on December 1 were as follows:

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	338.70	269.00
Shak-Int-pul Reservoir	100.80	95.70
Reception Reservoir	31.61	—
Total	470.50	360.71

The consumption in November, 1926, was 73.52 million gallons by an estimated population of 157,720, giving the daily consumption per head at 15.5 gallons. This year, the consumption had increased to 93.41, the population to 162,760 and the consumption per head per day to 19.1 gallons.

The Government Analyst's report shows that the quality of water is satisfactory. The total rainfall up to Nov. 30 is given as 106.50 ins. against 100.33 ins.

SPIES FOR RUSSIA.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL AT OLD BAILEY.

London, Dec. 7. McCartney and Hansen have been committed for trial at Old Bailey. Both pleaded not guilty and reserved their defence.—Reuter.

A message dated London, Dec. 4 stated: At the resumption at Bow Street of the hearing of the charges of espionage against George Hansen and Wilfred McCartney, Counsel for the prosecution declared that McCartney, alias Hudson, was a member of the British Communist party and Hansen, alias Johnson, was a German subject. The foreign Power concerned in the case was the Government of Soviet Russia.

Up to the present it is known that one has been killed and many seriously injured.—Reuter.

STEEL MELTING.

NEW ELECTRICAL METHOD IS DEMONSTRATED.

London, Dec. 7. The new high frequency electrical furnace for melting steel was demonstrated yesterday at Sheffield at the works of Messrs. Edgar Allen and Co. The furnace is the first of its kind in the world to be used commercially for the manufacture of high quality tool steel. It marks a striking advance on the old-fashioned crucible process in which pots containing about 60 lbs of material are heated by coke or gas fires.

In the new furnace about 450 lbs of steel are heated in about one hour. The heat is not put into the furnace from the outside but is induced within it by means of alternating currents of electricity. The walls of the crucible may serve as the purpose of a container and the furnace itself is contained in a square wooden box which remains cool.

The purity of the steel produced is one of the technical advantages of the new process. Having no contact with the fuel, the steel is extraordinarily free from sulphur or phosphorous effects. It is estimated that whereas the cost of melting a ton of high speed steel under the old process ranges from £16 to £24, the cost will be about one-half or two-thirds of that sum under the new method.—British Wireless.

STUDENT RIOTS.

AGAINST JEWS AND MAGYARS.

Budapest, Dec. 7. The police, reinforced by gendarmes and cavalry, have at length quelled the bloody conflicts in the former Hungarian town of Nagyvarad, which has now been annexed to Rumania, where thousands of students from Jassy, from Bucharest and from various places throughout Transylvania, attended a congress.

The students began demonstrations against the Jews and eventually against the Magyars, and attacked and wrecked the residence of the Chief Rabbi, several newspaper offices and the Catholic Union Society's offices.

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EXTINGUISHED.

EARTH DUMPED INTO VOLCANO CRATER.

Managua, Dec. 7. With the idea of permanently extinguishing the Santiago volcano, whose poisonous fumes ruined a quarter of Nicaragua's coffee crop for years, German engineers have dumped thousands of tons of earth into the crater. The result is that the burning sulphur bed has apparently extinguished.—Reuters' American Service.

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A WALL STREET FLUCTUATION.

DUE TO PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION.

New York, Dec. 7.—A sharp recession in the stock market, in many important issues, ranging from one to four dollars per share, is attributed to Mr. Coolidge's reiteration of his intention not to stand for the next Presidential election.

Perhaps also the anticipation that the shipment of a million dollars in gold to England, yesterday, might be followed by others, and lead to higher interest rates, may have had something to do with this effect on stocks.—*Reuter's American Service*.

NO PASSPORT.

RUSSIAN'S VARIED CAREER.

An interesting personality, a Russian named Peter Lemlikoff, who was charged before Major C. Wilson this morning with lacking a passport, and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, has related a series of remarkable adventures through which he passed since he left his native village in the Cost-sack territory of the Don in Russia. On being forced to leave his home many years ago on account of "Red" terrorism, he joined a "White" Army in Siberia, fought the "Reds" through many battles, and was captured, when only just emerging from his teens, in a town near Vladivostok. On account of his tender years, he was released after a short stay in prison and went south to join Chang Tso-lin's "White" Russian Battalion of Death. He fought and risked his life for \$14 a month—which is the ordinary pay of the "White" Russian in the Dictator's Army,—and eventually left Chinese warfare to find other fields of adventure.

He travelled to Siam, was deported from Bangkok in 1925, and again from Burma the following year. He next went to Canton, was arrested by the "Reds," then affiliated with Beiping, but escaped from prison to come to Hongkong by train. Here he was again arrested and was deported by the police authorities as an undesirable to Shanghai. This was in September of last year.

There is a break in the narrative until Lemlikoff again turned up in Shanghai where he stowed away on the President Taft to come to Hongkong. A few days of wandering in the streets without food was his experience, until hunger forced him to give himself up at the Central Police Station.

Lemlikoff has had his food problem solved for him for the next six weeks, but it is problematical what the authorities propose to do with him after he has served his term.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to today's questions:

1. Lord Howard. 2. German biographer, Baron of Durban. President of the French Republic, famous musician and ornithologist George's Chapel, Windsor, members of the Nansen's Federation of Great Britain.
3. Carter's conspiracy. 4. "Picklewick Papers." 5. Forty miles. 6. "To Celia." 7. John, the Ninth, D. The fat now when a ship is about to leave port. 11. 507-686 A.D. 12. 1914.

To-day's Observatory report says the anti-cyclone has weakened. The typhoon appears to be filling up between 200 and 300 miles of Cochin China. Strong to-fresh monsoon may be expected along the southeast coast of China and over the north Sea. The local forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North winds, fresh, fair.

MORE UNEASINESS AT HANKOW.

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plans for the despatch of Japanese forces to Shantung.—*Reuter's*

Future Plans.

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

Following the fall of Hsichow, the Shantung troops retreated towards Linchun, but a small body of San Chuan-fang's men was enveloped by the Nationalists at Chinkai on the Tsin-pu line.

The Nationalists have despatched the 9th, 10th and 26th Armies to pursue the Shantung troops, while the 1st and 40th Armies are still on the Tsin-pu front.

It is reported that General Feng Yu-hsiang is shortly proceeding to Hsichow by way of the Lung-pi-hsue to confer with the Nationalist Commanders on plans for a joint general attack against Shantung.

General Ho Ying-ching, field Marshal of the Nanking Expeditionary Force, will proceed to Hsichow to have a personal conference with General Feng Yu-hsiang. A special train has been prepared at Pukow to convey General Ho to Hsichow. The National Government has telegraphed to Feng Yu-hsiang highly commending his services on the Shantung front. Feng is reported to be on friendly terms with General Ho Ying-ching is further carrying on the Northern expedition.

Gen. Ching Po.

TREATY REVISIONS.

British to Watch Development.

London, Dec. 7.

In the House of Commons, Mr. W. Font Mitchell (Conservative) asked whether the British Government was aware of the nature of the proposals contained in the treaties at present being negotiated between China and certain Powers, a view of the fact that those may regard as setting a precedent when the British treaties with China come up for remodelling.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson said that nothing had raised the question of the revision of treaties with France, Britain, Japan and Spain. Negotiations had in some cases been opened, but he did not believe they had substantially progressed.

Britain had a general knowledge of the negotiations, and Mr. Mitchell's question would have received the most careful attention.—*Reuter's*

NATIONALIST QUARRELS.

Mayor of Shanghai Resigns.

After having been Mayor of Greater Shanghai for a few days more than two months, Gen. Chang Ting-fan has placed his resignation in the hands of the Nanking Government.

Gen. Chang assumed office on September 17, at which time he outlined a very progressive policy of municipal reform, which he attempted to put into immediate practice. Misunderstandings arose between him and the Nanking authorities, which made it impossible for him to continue in office. Gen. Chang, in his letter of resignation, emphasized this fact and stated that his policy with reference to the Kuomin tang had also differed from that of his fellow members.

Gen. Chang left for Nanking some days ago and has been away since. It is stated that it is highly improbable that he will return to Shanghai. Meanwhile, Mr. Chow,

the chief secretary of the municipality, is directing affairs until a

successor has been appointed.

GERMAN IRON AND STEEL.

INDUSTRIAL UNREST TIDED OVER.

Berlin, Dec. 7.

The iron and steel industrial magnates threatened lock-out on January 1, owing to the workers demanding an 8-hour day and higher wages, will not materialise, in consequence of the intervention by the official arbitrator appointed by the Minister of Labour, whose decision is final.—*Reuter's*

Krupp's Huge Profits.

Essen, Dec. 7.—Messrs. Krupp's net profit for the business year 1926-27, is 43,000,000 marks; compared with a loss of 2,000,000 marks last year.—*Reuter's*

BRITISH SILVER PLATE.

RUSSIAN LOOT DISCOVERED.

London, Nov. 8.—The Latvian authorities, at the instance of the British Legation, have seized what is believed to be part of the silver valuables plundered from the British Embassy in Riga in 1917, when the revolution broke out in 1917, contained in seven cases, addressed to a bank-note merchant, says the Riga correspondent of the *Times*.

They lay with the Customs authority for a year, when they were advertised for auction as British arms and cutlery. This aroused suspicions, and the auction was delayed pending investigation.

The cases also contain china bearing the Russian Imperial arms.

MORE OF GREVILLE MEMOIRS.

SCANDALOUS GOSSIP HURTS.

London, Nov. 3.—The *Westminster Gazette* understands that the Greville Memoirs have given great offence in court circles.

Sir Frederick Ponsonby, who was Private Secretary to Queen Victoria, from 1894 to 1901, and whose father handed the original volume of Memoirs to Queen Victoria, says, "Not a hundredth part of what Greville wrote is true."

"He picked up bits of scandalous gossip, and wrote them down in his diary, as if they were gospel truth."

"Greville went out of his way to collect scandal, and no credence should be attached to the statements."

On the contrary, the historian, Professor Pollard, regards the Memoirs as valuable, but, he says, it requires a trained historian to sift the false from the true.

Sir Almeric Fitzroy, Clerk of the Privy Council from 1898 to 1923, says that the diary is a lying fabrication, written by a pitiful man.

"I knew well," he said, "many men who were intimately acquainted with the life of that period, and not one would uphold those grotesque stories."

Sir Sidney Low, the famous author, who wrote "The Political History of the Reign of Queen Victoria," described it as "malicious and mendacious tittle-tattle." Greville was an embittered and disappointed man," he said, "vulgar, credulous, inaccurate, and often ignorant. The suppressed passages should have remained suppressed."

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